

## Large natural avalanche in Divide Basin, Hyalite

Divide Cirque  
Northern Gallatin  
2/14/2020  
Code  
HS-NC-R5-D3-O  
Elevation  
10000  
Aspect  
E  
Latitude  
45.39340  
Longitude  
-110.96900  
Notes

1. Observed a sizable deep [slab](#) in the Divide basin which appeared to have run within the last few days. The crown extended from the southern end of the basin (northeast facing) through the summit run off Divide (southeast facing)--maybe around a mile. [Slab](#) height varied, with the upper end pushing 10 feet and the lower closer to a foot or two. On Divide, the crown approached the summit and debris had run across the flat to the mature trees. Looked like it may have been [cornice](#) triggered at the southern end on thinner cover in rocky terrain.

2. Skied the NE shoulder of Divide Peak. Spotted a 1/4 to 1/2 mile long crown spotted along the NE face of Peak 10,024, between Divide Peak and Hyalite Peak. We could not directly determine the crown height, but it was highly visible from our location ~1 mile away.

3. Several large avalanches along the west ridge of divide basin. Appeared to be set off by large [cornice](#) drops that propagated across the bowls and stepped down several feet into the snowpack.

Number of slides  
1  
Number caught  
0  
Number buried  
0  
Avalanche Type  
Hard slab avalanche  
Trigger  
Cornice fall  
R size  
5  
D size  
3  
Bed Surface  
O - Old snow  
Problem Type

Persistent Weak Layer

Slab Thickness

48.0 inches

Vertical Fall

1000ft

Slab Width

2500.00ft

Images

[Natural avalanche in Divide Basin\\_2](#)

[Natural Avalanche in Divide Basin\\_1](#)

[Divide southeast face debris](#)

[Crown south of Divide, and broken cornice](#)

[Crown south of Divide!](#)

[Avalanche crown in Divide Basin](#)

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[19-20](#)