

Small skier triggered wind slab in Middle Basin

Middle Basin

Northern Madison

3/26/2021

Code

SS-ASu-R1-D1

Latitude

45.34260

Longitude

-111.38400

Notes

From obs: "On Friday, my partner and I went into Middle Basin with the objective of skiing Middle Peak, and possibly the short [couloir](#) that splits the face. That morning we dug a pit on the east facing [aspect](#) of the beehive/middle basin ridge (ECTx). Encouraged by our results, we continued on to the base of middle peak and dug another pit (ECTp 30) on the south-facing ice crust. We continued on to summit middle peak and ski down the face to the entrance of the [couloir](#), we descended 20ft into the entrance on soft loose snow and dug our third pit (ECTx), we replicated our results and decided the feature would be safe to ski. At ~1pm the first skier descended the slope, and triggered a small windslab (4-8in and 20ft wide) about 100ft down the slope and skied away uncaught. Skier 2, descended a lower angle slope to the east."

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Skier

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

1

D size

1

Slab Thickness

8.0 inches

Slab Width

20.00ft

Images

[Wind slab in Middle Basin](#)

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year
[20-21](#)