

Skier triggered wet slab N. Bridgers

Northern Bridgers

Bridger Range

3/23/2019

Code

WS-ASu-R2-D1.5-O

Elevation

7500

Aspect

SE

Notes

From e-mail: "while skiing a short, SE-facing slope, we triggered a wet [slab](#) avalanche. We both skied to the side, but it was a real wakeup call to the current snowpack. Going from below freezing all winter to sudden warming has left a lot of layers. We didn't measure the slope angle, but it couldn't have been more than 32 degrees in the [starting zone](#). The [slide](#) was slightly to skier's right of the slope, and the middle of the slope was only 6" deep, but much deeper where the [slide](#) occurred. Maybe 30-40' wide at the crown, ran 80'.

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Wet slab avalanche

Trigger

Skier

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

2

D size

1.5

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Wet Snow

Slab Thickness

16.0 inches

Vertical Fall

80ft

Slab Width

35.00ft

Images

[Skier triggered wet slab debris](#)

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Slab Thickness units

inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
[18-19](#)