

## Natural cornice fall nearly missed skiers, near Abiathar

Abiathar Peak  
Out of Advisory Area  
3/13/2021  
Code  
C-N-R2-D2  
Elevation  
9500  
Aspect  
N  
Latitude  
44.97560  
Longitude  
-110.03100  
Notes

From email: "My partners and I were booting up a [couloir](#) near abiathar and a large [cornice](#) fell and landed shortly below us in our bootpack. Spooked the hell out of us. We acknowledged the danger of those cornices before booting up, decided that it was probably safe due to relatively low winds and cool temps, and decided to go for it. In hindsight, we wonder if it was much warmer on the ridge near the [cornice](#) (we were in the shade), maybe we underestimated the ridgetop winds, or maybe we just got unlucky.

The [cornice](#) broke up a bit on some rocks before landing in our [couloir](#), but there still vehicle sized chunks raining down. If we had been 5 minutes slower on the ascent we may have been killed."

Number of slides  
1  
Number caught  
0  
Number buried  
0  
Avalanche Type  
Cornice fall  
Trigger  
Natural trigger  
R size  
2  
D size  
2  
Problem Type  
Cornice Fall  
Slab Thickness units  
centimeters  
Single / Multiple / Red Flag  
Single Avalanche  
Advisory Year  
[20-21](#)