

Thin wind slab release on BB ridger

Date

Mon, 01/23/2023 - 14:00

Activity

Skiing

I triggered a thin wind slab this afternoon at the top of Chute One on the Bridger ridge. I ski cut into the line from the North between the first small rock band and the concave feature just below the crest of the ridge. The thin slab was reactive immediately and propagated 6' - 8' ahead of my skis and continued to propagate until I reached the first small spine to the South. The slab consisted of fresh snow only and was less than a foot deep, perhaps only a few inches, but I estimate the crown to be 20' - 30' wide. It ran over the small rock band at the top of the line and down to, and perhaps through, the pinch of Chute One. I don't think it made it to skier's traverse. Definitely not enough mass for a burial, but perhaps enough to knock you off your feet. I exited to the south and skied the less steep Chute Three and alerted BBSP.

P.S. - Since this was in the ski area, I didn't check "Share Snow Obs", but if you all think there's value in sharing it, just let me know. -Matt

Region

Bridger Range

Location (from list)

Bridger Bowl