Natural avalanches on Hardscrabble

Hardscrabble Peak
Bridger Range
3/2/2019
Code
SS-N-O
Elevation
9000
Aspect
NE
Notes

From the email: "While touring Fairy Lake and Frazier Basin, we noticed two large natural slides on the E-facing bowls of Hardscrabble Peak. Low visibility, but crowns looked to be about 2-4 ft. high and 150-300 ft. wide. Fractured at approx. 9,000’, slid approx. 500-800 ft. into the lower angle slopes below. N-facing slopes at 8,800’ were heavily wind-loaded, with a hard wind slab present which made skinning difficult. This 5” wind slab fractured easily under our skis and slid over a layer of light snow from the recent storm."

Multiple Avalanches
Number of slides
2
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Natural trigger
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Slab Thickness
36.0 inches
Vertical Fall
800ft
Slab Width
300.00ft
Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Multiple Avalanches
Advisory Year
18-19