

Large natural avalanche near Cooke City

Hayden Creek

Cooke City

12/21/2019

Code

HS-N-R2-D2.5-O

Elevation

9800

Aspect

NE

Latitude

44.99180

Longitude

-109.91500

Notes

Skiers with a level 2 class near Cooke City reported: "...toured into East Hayden today with the Level 2 course. We noticed some recent natural activity on the S end of the Climax path (see photo).

We dug on a N [aspect](#)... around 9500'. HS 100 cm, CT22 SP down 60 cm on FC above the Thanksgiving crust. ECTP21 on the basal facet layer.

The students dug on E and W aspects... around 9800'. On both aspects HS was around 110-120 cm, and both the midpack FC/crust and basal facet layers were less reactive. Between six snowpits we didn't have a single ECTP, and only a handful of CT results on either layer.

All aspects were heavily wind affected."

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Hard slab avalanche

Trigger

Natural trigger

R size

2

D size

2.5

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Weak Layer

Slab Thickness

24.0 inches

Vertical Fall

1100ft

Slab Width

600.00ft

Images

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Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

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