

# Natural Avalanche at Big Sky Resort

Big Sky Resort  
Northern Madison  
10/24/2022  
Code  
SS-N-R2-D2.5  
Aspect  
NE  
Latitude  
45.27600  
Longitude  
-111.43600  
Notes

Big Sky Ski Patrol saw evidence of a natural avalanche in the closed ski area.

From email: "saw evidence of a large avalanche that ran in 3 Forks area of The Headwaters... NE [aspect](#) in the probable start zone (could not see a crown) that likely saw significant [wind loading](#) Monday. It ran full [track](#) and broke some branches and small trees in the runout.

That was the only activity I saw (3 Forks is an avalanche factory with large storms). Definite wind effect across the alpine."

Number of slides  
1  
Number caught  
0  
Number buried  
0  
Avalanche Type  
Soft slab avalanche  
Trigger  
Natural trigger  
R size  
2  
D size  
2.5  
Problem Type  
Wind-Drifted Snow  
Slab Thickness units  
centimeters  
Single / Multiple / Red Flag  
Single Avalanche  
Advisory Year  
[22-23](#)