Wind Slabs in Bridgers

Fairy Lake
Bridger Range
12/10/2022
Code
SS-ASu-R2-D1-O
Elevation
9000
Aspect
N
Latitude
45.90430
Longitude
-110.95800
Notes

Went on a tour today with some buddies with hopes of skiing the great one. Once up in the sac bowl, we opted to back away given the wind was howling. We skied the white worm, and saw numerous cracks shooting across the slope. I opted to ski a short and sweet N facing couloir which started out pretty firm into avalanche bowl. About halfway down, I had a wind slab release after one soft turn with the deepest portion of the slide being one foot. I was not carried as I immediately cut out of the fall line, the slide rolled for about 200 vert. My friends opted to ski the direct headwall exit and had numerous small wind slabs pull out. Some areas were stripped to rock of snow.

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
u-An unintentional release
R size
2
D size
1
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Wind-Drifted Snow
Slab Thickness
12.0 inches
Vertical Fall
200ft

Images
Wind slab on a N facing chute
Shooting cracks up high
Snow Observation Source
Wind Slabs in the bridgers
Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
22-23