Skier caught and injured on Lawn Mower

Lawn Mower - Town Hill
Out of Advisory Area
3/4/2023
Code
SS-ASu-R2-D2-O
Elevation
8400
Aspect
NW
Latitude
45.50570
Longitude
-110.49600
Notes

From obs: "On March 4th around 2:15 PM my partner and I observed a skier (of a separate party that was caught and carried) in a D2 R2 on the Lawnmower in the Absorkas. I believe the slide was released on a buried weak layer (We only observed the crown from a distance). The victim came to a stop approximately 1,200 ft below the start zone and was buried up to his neck. There were multiple tracks on the slope prior to the avalanche. My partner and I skied up to the separate party with the victim approximately 30 minutes after the event."

From another email "FYI big skier triggered avalanche on the lawn mower slide path on town hill today around 3pm. One skier caught and buried to neck and later airlifted out with leg injury. Our party arrived maybe 45 min after the slide and assisted others who were there."

Number of slides
1
Number caught
1
Number buried
1
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
u-An unintentional release
R size
2
D size
2
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Persistent Weak Layer
Slab Thickness
30.0 inches

Vertical Fall
1200ft
Slab Width
300.00ft
Images
Skier triggered and injured Lawn Mower path
Victim on the surface of the slide
Snow Observation Source
Avalanche on Lawn Mower
Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
22-23