

Naturals avalanches in Lionhead

LIONHEAD AREA

Lionhead Range

12/12/2023

Code

R2-D1.5

Latitude

44.72920

Longitude

-111.32300

Notes

Two natural avalanches observed near Lionhead on 12/15 and another two observed by a separate group on 12/14. All occurred well below the high ridgelines and likely broke several days earlier.

From obs: "We rode up Denny Creek towards Watkins Creek and spent the day below the ridge where we saw two natural avalanches. These avalanches broke 12-18" deep on weak [faceted snow](#) above a stiff crust. The first avalanche presumably happened sometime near the end of the last storm cycle (12/11), as it had a few inches of snow on the debris. The second was more recent, in the last 24-36 hours. Both were at 8500' and were on NE and E-facing slopes. "

Number of slides

2

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

R size

2

D size

1.5

Images

[Lower Lionhead Avalanche](#)

[Old avalanche debris below Bald Peak](#)

Attached Videos

[Lower Elevation Avalanches, Lionhead - 15 Dec 2023](#)

Snow Observation Source

[Observations and Naturals in Lionhead](#)

[Surface Hoar and Instability in Lionhead](#)

Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Multiple Avalanches

Advisory Year

[23-24](#)