

Skier triggered avalanche near Saddle Peak

Argentina Bowl

Bridger Range

1/15/2020

Code

SS-ASu-R3-D2.5-O

Elevation

8600

Aspect

E

Latitude

45.78690

Longitude

-110.93500

Notes

Skier triggered avalanche in Argentina Bowl on Saddle Peak. Observed from the highway. Occurred during the day on Wednesday, 1/15/2020.

From e-mail: "Skiers triggered two separate slides on south Saddle this afternoon. we witnessed the smaller [slide](#) to the lookers right of the big [slide](#), the bigger one happened later apparently... The first smaller [slide](#) was caused by a [ski cut](#) near the trees, [fracture](#) was about 2 feet, soft [slab](#) that seemed to run on a thin [sun crust](#). below the [sun crust](#) was also very weak and sugary. Not sure when the second skier went farther out and triggered the whole bowl, but they got lucky!!"

Number of slides

1

Number caught

1

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Skier

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

3

D size

2.5

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Weak Layer

Slab Thickness

36.0 inches

Vertical Fall

1000ft

Slab Width

600.00ft

Images

[Avalanches on saddle Peak/Argentina Bowl Close up](#)

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Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[19-20](#)