Skier caught in large sluff at Bridger Bowl

Bridger Bowl
Bridger Range
4/1/2020
Code
L-ASu-R2-D2-I
Elevation
9000
Aspect
E
Latitude
45.81560
Longitude
-110.92300
Notes

An email with some edits:

This morning I skinned up to the ridge alone and went south. I made a turn into some trees and triggered a small sluff below me. I wasn't comfortable with the amount of snow I moved, so I sidestepped up to the ridge and went back north to the Nose. I dropped into the Nose and made my way to the chute Bombs Away. I skied through Bombs Away and made a few turns in the large apron below the chute before a large sluff I triggered above caught up to me. I stayed on my feet and went through some tight trees, ripping a couple of straps off my backpack, and then I got knocked onto my back. As the slide began to slow, I popped up quickly and managed to ski away. My familiarity with Bridger when it is patrolled influenced my poor decision making, as well as a false sense of being comfortable in dangerous terrain. I am extremely lucky and grateful that it wasn't worse. I hope others try to avoid similar, poor decision making in this strange post-season at Bridger Bowl.

Another observation from 10 am:
15" crown N facing Knob Job 1. Going on interface between Monday/ Tuesday snow. Thin line of NSF maybe. Crossing Boundary Chute that had mostly cleaned itself out on the upper section, pushed on it on the N facing side and got 2 good whoompfs.

Number of slides
1
Number caught
1
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Loose-snow avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
u-An unintentional release
R size
2
D size

2
Bed Surface
I - Interface between new and old snow
Problem Type
New Snow
Slab Thickness
40.0 centimeters
Slab Layer Hardness
F+
Slab Thickness units
centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
19-20