avalanche and collapsing in Cooke

Date
Sat, 12/09/2023 - 11:35
Activity
Skiing

Observed a fresh slab avalanche on Mt. Henderson this morning. E, SE aspect, 9,900'.

I skied up to investigate it and would estimate the size of the crown to be 2-4' deep and about 80' wide. Somewhat surprised by the size relative to the starting zone. Likely a natural avalanche (from about 36 hrs ago), but there were fresh sled tracks in the vicinity from yesterday, so possibly a remote trigger.

LOTs of collapsing again today while breaking trail on low angled S, E and W aspects. Some collapses were quite large (100'+ diameter).

Region
Cooke City
Location (from list)
Henderson Mountain
Observer Name
Beau Fredlund