Skier triggered avalanche and partial burial near Fairy Lake

Fairy Lake
Bridger Range
1/18/2019
Code
SS-ASr-R3-D1.5-O
Aspect
NE
Notes

"The slide occurred near Fairy Lake in the Bridgers. Specifically, it occurred on a NE face just below the first set of switchbacks on the summer trail, where the slope steepens significantly. I was out early touring solo hoping to catch sunrise from the bowl. I'd just started traversing north along the base of the face when I saw a small slab release behind me which sent some sluff across my tracks, I turned to descend to some lower angle terrain, and saw another small release (20-30ft wide) in front of me. As I started to descend the whole face let go from about 150ft above me and funneled towards me. It carried me about 100ft downslope, luckily through an open patch in the trees. I was buried up to my chest, with both my arms free. From what I could see from the bottom, the crown looked to be about 4-8 inches tall, and was about 200ft across."

Number of slides
1
Number caught
1
Number buried
1
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
r-A remote avalanche released by the indicated trigger
R size
3
D size
1.5
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Wind-Drifted Snow
Slab Thickness
8.0 inches
Slab Width
200.00ft
Images
Avalanche crown, Bridger Range
Attached Videos
Avalanche Incident, Bridger Range
Slab Thickness units

inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
18-19