Wind Slabs in Bridgers

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Fairy Lake
Bridger Range
12/10/2022
Code
SS-ASu-R2-D1-O
Elevation
9000
Aspect
N
Latitude
45.90430
Longitude
-110.95800
Notes
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Went on a tour today with some buddies with hopes of skiing the great one. Once up in the sac bowl, we opted to back away given the wind was howling. We skied the white worm, and saw numerous cracks shooting across the slope. I opted to ski a short and sweet N facing <u>couloir</u> which started out pretty firm into avalanche bowl. About halfway down, I had a <u>wind slab</u> release after one soft turn with the deepest portion of the <u>slide</u> being one foot. I was not carried as I immediately cut out of the fall line, the <u>slide</u> rolled for about 200 vert. My friends opted to ski the direct headwall exit and had numerous small wind slabs pull out. Some areas were stripped to rock of snow.

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Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
Trigger Modifier
u-An unintentional release
R size
2
D size
1
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Wind-Drifted Snow
Slab Thickness
12.0 inches
Vertical Fall
200ft
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Images <u>Wind slab on a N facing chute</u> <u>Shooting cracks up high</u> Snow Observation Source <u>Wind Slabs in the bridgers</u> Slab Thickness units inches Single / Multiple / Red Flag Single Avalanche Advisory Year <u>22-23</u>