Natural Avalanches at Lionhead

Lionhead Ridge Lionhead Range 2/15/2024 Code N-R2-D2-O Elevation 9000 Aspect Range N, S, E, W Latitude 44.71450 Longitude -111.31800 Notes

On 2/16/24 GNFAC forecasters rode up Denny Creek below Lionhead Ridge, then around to the north, through Watkins Creek and into the top of Targhee Creek. We saw a lot of old and recent avalanches that happened at various times over the last week, including during an avalanche warning on 2/15, in a wide variety of terrain. On lower elevation, generally non-wind-loaded terrain in the trees we saw at least 4 avalanches that were at least 2' deep and 100' wide. Near ridgelines there were many avalanches, harder slabs, at least 2' deep breaking hundreds of feet wide.

Number of slides 4 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Trigger Natural trigger R size 2 D size 2 Bed Surface O - Old snow Problem Type Persistent Weak Layer Slab Thickness 24.0 inches Slab Width 150.00ft Snow Observation Source Fresh avalanche and many recent avalanches Slab Thickness units inches Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Multiple Avalanches Advisory Year <u>23-24</u>