Persistent Slab Avalanches in Taylor Fork

Taylor Fork Southern Madison 2/9/2025 Code SS-AM-R2-D2-O Elevation 9200 Aspect Range E-N Latitude 45.06070 Longitude -111.27200 Notes

We rode into the Taylor Fork, down into the bottom of Sunlight Basin, across Carrot Basin and to the Wilderness Boundary. We saw four persistent <u>slab</u> avalanches that likely broke last weekend or at the beginning of the week. All appeared to be snowmobiler-triggered R1-2, D1.5-2 avalanches at broke of the January layer of near-surface facets and <u>surface hoar</u>. Additionally, we saw one <u>wind slab</u> avalanche (R1, D1) in Sunlight Basin. This <u>slide</u> was fresh from this morning or yesterday.

We dug a crown profile for the persistent <u>slab</u> avalanche in Sunlight (attached). ECTN24 on the SH layer buried 50 cm (20") deep.

Number of slides 4 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Avalanche Type Soft slab avalanche Trigger Snowmobile R size 2 D size 2 Bed Surface O - Old snow Problem Type Persistent Slab Slab Thickness 50.0 centimeters Vertical Fall 100ft Slab Width

200.00ft Weak Layer Grain type Surface Hoar Weak Layer grain size 8.00mm Images Avalanche in Sunlight Basin, Taylor Fork 2 Avalanche in Sunlight Basin, Taylor Fork Sunlight Basin Avalanche Crown Profile - 13 February 2025 Stripe of Surface Hoar in Avalanche Crown - Sunlight Persistent Slab Avalanche Carrot Basin Snowmobiler-triggered Avalanche Sage Basin 2 Snowmobiler-triggered Avalanche Sage Basin Alex Investigates an Avalanche in Taylor Fork Attached Videos Persistent slab and wind slab avalanches, Taylor Fork - 13 Feb 2025 Snow Observation Source Wind Slab and Persistent Slab Avalanches Slab Thickness units centimeters Single / Multiple / Red Flag Multiple Avalanches Advisory Year 24-25