

Bridger Bowl

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Activity

Skiing

Hey I just wanted to quick send you this photo of a skier triggered avalanche “in bounds” at Bridger Bowl (Schlasmans Lift) from this afternoon. I was skinning up the N subridge to the lookers right of the lift and some skiers above me triggered a wind slab on faceted snow that came down almost right on top of me. I had to run on my skins to get out of the way. I dug 3 pits yesterday and got ect1 every time so was up skiing and skinning conservatively which allowed me to get out of the way of the slide in time to avoid being caught and most likely buried. The toe of the slide was all of 6’ deep. There is about a foot of fresh sitting on top of faceted crust that is sitting on top of more facets and another crust, and obvious red flags from wind affect (big ripples, obviously wind loaded slopes, obvious slabs forming that you can break through with your skis) - the snowpack is trash! And people are going nuts, skiing dangerous terrain all over the place up there. Just want to remind people to be aware of what’s going on around you, the fact that there could be someone above you at any time, the snowpack is weak, and there is no avalanche control being done up there right now! You can see in the photo that the slide takes out the skin track, so just because there is a skin track doesn’t mean it’s safe! Ok end rant.

Region

Bridger Range

Location (from list)

BRIDGER RANGE

Observer Name

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