

## Skier-Triggered wind slab near Beehive

Beehive Basin  
Northern Madison  
4/7/2019  
Code  
SS-D1.5-I  
Aspect  
E  
Latitude  
45.32930  
Longitude  
-111.39100  
Notes

Skiers unintentionally triggered a [wind slab](#) on an east facing slope near Beehive Basin. From the email:

"Climbed a W-facing [couloir](#) to drop over the ridge on our way to Gallatin Peak. Really firm up top. The E-facing [couloir](#) we were gonna ski down had gotten some wind-[loading](#), but didn't look too bad. I entered slowly from the north side, and almost immediately set off a small windslab. It wasn't big (crown maybe a foot at the deepest, most of it more like 6"), all new snow, but riding it down that [couloir](#) would really not have been a day-brightener. I slid a couple feet, but I was on the edge and it broke around me, so I wasn't caught. Probably about 8am, when we were up there."

Number of slides  
1  
Number caught  
0  
Number buried  
0  
Number killed  
0  
Avalanche Type  
Soft slab avalanche  
D size  
1.5  
Bed Surface  
I - Interface between new and old snow  
Problem Type  
Wind-Drifted Snow  
Slab Thickness  
6.0 inches  
Slab Thickness units  
inches  
Single / Multiple / Red Flag  
Single Avalanche  
Advisory Year  
[18-19](#)