YC Patrol triggered avalanche to ground

Yellowstone Club Northern Madison 1/10/2020 Code SS-AE-R3-D2 Elevation 8500 Aspect NE Latitude

45.23110 Longitude

-111.44100

Notes

Yellowstone Club Ski Patrol triggered a slide with explosives, breaking at the ground, during avalanche mitigation work on Friday, 1/10/2020.

From Yellowstone Club Patrol: "It's a NE facing slope at 8500' ... got an avalanche to release on an old layer of well defined surface hoar (perhaps from mid-December). In some areas it stepped to ground. The crown was 2-4' deep and the avalanche was recorded as R3/D2. The avalanche slid to the bottom of the runout and placed 3-12' of snow in the road and completely blocked the road. This was a relatively large slide for this particular path this early in the season."

Number of slides

Number caught

Number buried

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

An explosive thrown or placed on or under the snow surface by hand

R size

3

D size

2

Images

Avalanche to ground at YC

Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

19-20