Natural Avalanche Activity, Cooke City

COOKE CITY

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12/18/2024

Code

SS-N-R3-D2.5-U

Elevation

10000

Aspect Range

N-NE-E

Latitude

45.02020

Longitude

-109.93800

Notes

Ob1: Photos 1-4, GNFAC

We rode out to Lulu Pass to look at the few avalanches that were reported yesterday on Henderson and Fisher Mtn. Today we did not see any avalanches that weren't previously reported, other than one small, but thick wind slab on south facing slope of Scotch Bonnet (photo). At least the avalanche on Fisher and one on Henderson broke near the ground (pics attached). Some slides were heavily refilled by drifted snow, so it was hard to tell how deep they broke.

Yesterday I saw a wide <u>slab</u> avalanche up on west Woody Ridge from town (photo attached). It happened late on Wednesday or overnight during or after the strong winds and snowfall.

Ob 2: B Fredlund, Photos 5-13

Quite a few natural avalanches observed north of Cooke City today. Photos attached of:

- 5: NE facing, 10,000, Miller Ridge
- 6: E facing, 9900', Bull of the Woods Pass
- 7: NE facing, 9700', Miller Ridge
- 8: E facing, 10,200' Scotch Bonnet Mtn.
- 9: E facing, 10,000 Mt. Henderson
- 10-12: NE- N facing, 10,000' Mt. Henderson
- 13: NE facing, 10,000' Sheep Creek.

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Natural trigger

R size

3

D size

2.5

Bed Surface

U - Unknown

Problem Type

Wind-Drifted Snow

Images

Avalanche on west Woody ridge

Wind slab avalanche near Lulu

Large Persistent slab avalanche on Henderson

Persistent slab avalanche on Fisher

NE facing, 10,000', in Sheep Creek.

N facing, 10,000' Mt. Henderson

NE facing, 10,000' Mt. Henderson 2

NE facing, 10,000' Mt. Henderson 1

E facing, 10,000 Mt. Henderson

E facing, 10,200' Scotch Bonnet Mtn.

NE facing, 9700', Miller Ridge

E facing, 9900', Bull of the Woods Pass

NE facing, 10,000, Miller Ridge

Snow Observation Source

Recent large avalanches near Cooke

natural avalanche activity, Cooke City

Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Multiple Avalanches

Advisory Year

24-25