Explosive triggered hard slabs at Big Sky

Big Sky Resort Northern Madison 11/22/2022 Code HS-AEc-R2-D2-O Elevation 9000 Aspect E Latitude 45.28620 Longitude -111.43000

Triggered with 4lbs, after they were not affected by 2lbs shots yesterday. The crowns were in the 12" range and hard slabs. The <u>weak layer</u> is subtle-trapped lower density (but still 4F) above the crust, with tiny facets mixed with rounds. The slides were not running directly on the crust, but just above, leaving 2-3 cm's behind on top of the crust.

Number of slides

I

Notes

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Hard slab avalanche

Trigger

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

Trigger Modifier

c-A controlled or intentional release by the indicated trigger

R size

2

D size

2

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Weak Layer

Weak Layer Hardness

4F

Images

Explosive triggered avalanches at Big Sky 2

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Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag Single Avalanche Advisory Year 22-23