Cornice fall triggered slide in Sunlight Basin

Taylor Fork Southern Madison 2/25/2025 Code HS-NC-R2-D2.5 Elevation 9400 Aspect N

Latitude

44.97060

Longitude

-111.31000

Notes

Another day of warm temps and clear skies allowed us to cover a lot of ground in the Southern Madisons. We rode into the Taylor Fork, up to the weather station, to the top of Carrot Basin, through Sage Basin, up and over into Cabin Creek, and all the way up to the head of Red Canyon.

We spotted a few old avalanches. One in Cabin Creek that was triggered two days ago by snowmobilers on a N facing aspect. At the top of Carrot Basin, we saw a small avalanche (R1-D1) on a N aspect that likely broke yesterday on buried weak layers. We also spotted one cornice-fall triggered (R2-D2) avalanche that broke earlier this week in Sage Basin and then an older cornice fall triggered slab in Sunlight Basin.

Number of slides

1

Number caught

Number buried

Avalanche Type

Hard slab avalanche

Trigger

Cornice fall

R size

2

D size

2.5

Problem Type

Cornice Fall

Vertical Fall

300ft

Slab Width

150.00ft

Images

Old wind slab avalanche in Sunlight Basin
Cornice fall triggered large slide in Sunlight Basin
Snow Observation Source
Still Wary of Persistent Weak Layers
Slab Thickness units
centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
24-25