

Skier-triggered small soft slab, northern Bridger Range

Northern Bridgers

Bridger Range

4/19/2025

Code

SS-AS-R1-D1-I

Elevation

7700

Aspect

NE

Latitude

45.91960

Longitude

-110.97600

Notes

Today (Saturday, 4/19), I triggered a small soft-[slab](#) avalanche at about 7,700' on a E-NE [aspect](#) on the headwall between Frazier Lake and Angier Lake in the northern Bridgers. The [slide](#) was maybe 6" deep, 20' wide and ran 100-200 feet and involved only the new storm snow over the icy, thick crust underneath. No one was caught or injured, though I had a bit of a scare because my dog was right in the path (luckily she outran it). We had gone up with the intention of skiing the Ainger "Love Chutes", but bailed partway up when that whole [aspect](#) turned out to be breakable crust. However, we had beta from another party that conditions on the Frazier-Angier headwall were good, so decided to check that out. We skinned up without incident, following a well-set skin [track](#) that followed the line of least resistance; snow surface was variable but seemed stable. Coming down, we mostly followed the ascent route, but towards the end I was tempted onto a fun-looking, untracked stash a bit to skier's left, that seemed only a tad steeper than the ascent line. A few turns into this line is when I triggered the [slide](#), right at the steepest part (mid-high 30s). It definitely took me by surprise given that we'd been skiing great, stable powder in the Bridgers the past couple days. No harm done but definitely a good wake-up call!

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Skier

R size

1

D size

1

Bed Surface

I - Interface between new and old snow

Problem Type

Wind Slab

Images

Looking down the slide from trigger point

Debris pile from wind slab in Bridgers

Snow Observation Source

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Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

24-25