Avalanche activity in the Centennials

Centennials - Montana
Island Park
1/11/2019
Code
SS-N-D2.5-O
Aspect Range
SW-NW
Latitude
44.56720
Longitude
-111.54400
Notes

" Yesterday, I skied into Hellroaring Canyon with a group of 6 backcountry skiers staying the night at Hellroaring Hut. While guiding the skiers to the hut, we saw large deposits of avalanche debris in the bottom of major slide paths on west and southwest facing aspects of Mt. Nemesis. It appeared that some of these avalanches were roughly size 1 - 2.5. Numerous creek bottoms and cut banks had also avalanched into Hellroaring Creek. Even some very low angle NW facing gully features had been ripped out. Looking across the valley into the Blair Lake area, I noted only one very small slide on a steep, rocky aspect. I did not have a chance to dig a snow pit, but I did observe numerous huge “whoompfs” while ski touring, and it was obvious that the faceted layer underneath last week’s 6 inches of new snow was failing regularly. "

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Number killed
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Natural trigger
D size
2.5
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Persistent Weak Layer
Slab Thickness units
centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
18-19