Skier triggered large slide on Saddle Peak

Saddle Peak
Bridger Range
1/1/2021
Code
HS-AS-R2-D2.5-O
Elevation
9000
Aspect
NE
Latitude
45.79430
Longitude
-110.93600
Notes

On January 1, 2021 at approximately 1530 a skier triggered an avalanche on Saddle Peak south of Bridger Bowl. He left from the ski area around 1445 and skin up the ridge out of bounds to the south. Shortly after, patrol witnessed the avalanche and then later saw the solo skier returning to the ski area after descending the bed surface of the avalanche. The skier reported the event to patrol when he returned. He stomped at the rollover below the summit, on the south end of the low angle ridge, and it broke 3 ft deep....ran down north central and the main face.

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Hard slab avalanche
Trigger
Skier
R size
2
D size
2.5
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Persistent Weak Layer
Slab Thickness
36.0 inches
Vertical Fall
1500ft
Slab Width
350.00ft
Weak Layer Grain type

Faceted Crystals
Images
Skier triggered large avalanche on Saddle Peak, crown
Skier triggered slide on Saddle, powder cloud
Skier triggered large slide on Saddle Peak
Attached Videos
Avalanches, bad stability on Saddle - 2 Jan 2020
Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
20-21