## Steep, rocky, N-facing avalanches: Cooke

COOKE CITY Cooke City 3/8/2023 Code HS-N Latitude 45.02020 Longitude -109.93800 Notes

Photo attached of a recent avalanche near Cooke, on the north face of Mt. Republic. Steep, rocky, north facing. Everything that I have been seeing the last 2 days has been similar: steep, rocky north faces above tree line, often associated with <u>wind loading</u>, and cornices. We observed 4 other similar avalanches yesterday, like the photo attached.

We dug a <u>snowpit</u> yesterday on a SE <u>aspect</u> around 9350'. HS was 200-240cms. ECTN22 down about 40cms on what appeared to be a density change.. The melt freeze crust that formed around Feb. 18th, right before this big storm cycle, was about 70cms down, and not reactive in our snowpack tests. There were some 4F 1mm facets below it though.

No collapsing. Number of slides 5 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Avalanche Type Hard slab avalanche Trigger Natural trigger Images Avalanches in steep terrain Snow Observation Source Steep, rocky, N-facing avalanches Slab Thickness units centimeters Single / Multiple / Red Flag **Multiple Avalanches** Advisory Year 22-23