Natural and rider triggered slides at Lionhead

Lionhead Ridge Lionhead Range 1/25/2024 Code SS-N-R3-D2 Latitude 44.71450 Longitude -111.31800 Notes

On 1/26/24 we observed two avalanches at Lionhead that appeared to have broken in the last 24 hours.

One <u>slide</u> broke below treeline in Denny Creek, around 100 ft wide and ran around 100 vertical feet. Looked to have broke 1-2 ft deep. Recent snowmobile tracks about 50 ft away from the flank make it seem likely it was remotely snowmobile triggered.

The other <u>slide</u> was larger, it broke around 600 ft wide and ran 500 vertical ft. Didn't get a good look at the crown, but would estimate it broke around 2-3 ft deep. It broke across three gullies that sometime avalanche as separate paths.

Number of slides

2

Number caught

0

Number buried

n

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Natural trigger

R size

3

D size

2

Images

Large recent natural in Watkin Creek - debris

Large recent natural in Watkins Creek

Looking up - Remote triggered (?) avalanche well below the ridgeline

Remote triggered (?) avalanche well below the ridgeline

Snow Observation Source

Many avalanches along Lionhead Ridge

Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Multiple Avalanches

Advisory Year