Recent Natural Wet slides in Bridgers

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I drove up Bridger canyon this afternoon and stopped in a few spots to glass the range for recent avalanches. There were many recent wet avalanches, both wet loose that gouged through the snowpack and wet slabs about one foot deep and 50-100' wide. Many size D2, some smaller. Happened sometime between Monday and today (1-3 days old, maybe some this morning). The main spots for recent wet avalanches were on Bridger Peak and south of the Throne. Mainly on sustained steep terrain with rocky outcrops and east-south facing. There was one wet slab on a northeast facing, mid-elevation slope near the Throne. South facing terrain near Fairy Lake had some wet loose activity. I attached a photo of the wet slab activity on Bridger Peak and south of the Throne.

I also saw a wide crown in Frazier Basin and a similarly wide crown in another bowl to the north (300-400' wide). Photos attached. I am not sure if these occurred recently with the above freezing temperatures or if they are older. they do not appear wet like the others, but I could not see the debris and was generally far away. Also they are in higher terrain favored for cooling effects. But, they easily could have occurred over the recent hot days, potentially triggered by cornice fall?

Region
Bridger Range
Location (from list)
BRIDGER RANGE
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