Recent Avalanches near Hebgen

Date
Sat, 02/10/2024 - 14:10
Activity
Skiing

Toured up an east facing slope near the northwest arm of Hebgen Lake. We did not experience any collapsing or cracking on or off our ascent route but we did experience whumpfs on the ski down. At the top of the ridge at 9000 ft on either side of our skin track were three different avalanches. They all looked to be natural. One was pre recent storms, one was perhaps 24-48 hours old and maybe 500 feet wide, and one looked to be very recent, perhaps in the last 12 hours. We got a good look at the recent slide. It had no tracks in or out of it. It was at least 200 feet wide and broke 1-1.5 meters deep, gouging to the ground in spots and ran to the trees almost full path. Besides the avalanches, near the ridge line was a 30° planar slope that had a small concavity. There were shooting cracks everywhere, and it looked like the cracks propagated into a slab that would have broken up more if the slope had been steeper. It almost looked like a crevasse field with how many cracks there were. Photo is included but I don't think shows just how broken up that "relatively benign" terrain was. I have never seen anything like that before!

Region
Lionhead Range
Location (from list)
Hebgen Lake
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