

Skier triggered on Saddle Peak

Saddle Peak

Bridger Range

1/21/2024

Code

ASu-R2-D2.5-O

Elevation

8800

Aspect

E

Latitude

45.79430

Longitude

-110.93600

Notes

From GCSAR and Bridger Bowl Ski Patrol:

A skier triggered a [slide](#) descending the skyline/nose of Saddle Peak. No one was caught. It initially triggered at the first rock band, then pulled out much wider at the second rock band. The skier was on his second lap was the third set of tracks on the peak. All tracks were accounted for and a beacon search of the debris came up empty.

Depth was described as "full depth" (2 feet) and running on the [depth hoar](#).

Crown was 80' wide on the first horizontal band and 250' on the second. The lower crown wrapped around the ridge out of view.

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Trigger

Skier

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

2

D size

2.5

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Weak Layer

Slab Thickness

24.0 inches

Vertical Fall

1400ft

Slab Width

250.00ft

Images

[Skier triggered slide on Saddle Peak](#)

[Skier triggered slide on Saddle, lower slab and debris](#)

[Skier triggered slide on Saddle - far](#)

[Lower Crown, Saddle Peak](#)

[Mid-Elevation Crown, Saddle Peak](#)

[Trigger Point and Upper Crown, Saddle Peak](#)

Snow Observation Source

[Skier triggered on Saddle Peak](#)

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[23-24](#)