Skier triggered avalanche in Argentina Bowl

Argentina Bowl Bridger Range 1/6/2025 Code SS-ASc-R2-D2.5-S Elevation 9000 Aspect E Latitude 45.78750 Longitude -110.93500 Notes

From IG Messages: "as expected, broke a slide out while ski cutting saddle today. Here's the report.

After summiting south saddle peak, we noticed wind loaded snow on top of an old avalanche crown (maybe 4-5 days old - 2' deep). We made the decision to <u>ski cut</u> high, hoping to break out the new wind drifted snow. We were the first ones out there today with just a party of two still on north summit. No one below us. I was able to get several small pockets to pop before a larger pocket broke, triggering a sympathetic <u>slab</u> down lower in Argentina bowl. Both slides ran 1000-2000' into the flats down low (crossing the standard traverse). Debris piled up 20' deep and broke trees up to 6" in diameter. Slow start, but picked up lots of steam. We skied lower and found good snow below the ridge where there was less wind effect."

Number of slides 1 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Avalanche Type Soft slab avalanche Trigger Skier **Trigger Modifier** c-A controlled or intentional release by the indicated trigger R size 2 D size 2.5 **Bed Surface** S - Avalanche released within new snow Problem Type Wind Slab **Slab Thickness** 24.0 inches

Vertical Fall 1500ft Images <u>Argentina Bowl Avalanche Crown</u> <u>Argentina Bowl Avalanche Broken Trees</u> <u>Argentina Bowl Avalanche Debris</u> <u>Skier triggered avalanche in Argentina Bowl Overview</u> <u>Snow Observation Source</u> <u>Skier triggered avalanche in Argentina Bowl</u> Slab Thickness units inches Single / Multiple / Red Flag Single Avalanche Advisory Year 24-25