Natural avalanche on Alex Lowe Peak

Alex Lowe Peak Northern Gallatin 2/14/2020 Code HS-N-R4-D3-O Elevation 9600 Aspect N Latitude 45.42720 Longitude -111.01400 Notes

From an email:

"Near the ridge line of Mt. Blackmore we noticed the East facing slope close to the ridge line was clearly wind loaded and felt collapsing and cracking under our skis. None of those cracks shot out however. We dug a pit on an E- SE facing slope near the ridge line and found no signs of <u>stability</u>, however we ran into a group on our way up who said they dug a pit in a similar area and got an ECTP-22. Looking N-NW from the ridge line we saw some an avalanche crown on the adjacent face (Alex Lowe Peak)."

This is the second time this avalanche path released. See a photo from 1/25/20 **HERE**.

Number of slides 1 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Avalanche Type Hard slab avalanche Trigger Natural trigger R size 4 D size 3 Bed Surface O - Old snow Problem Type Persistent Weak Layer Slab Thickness 48.0 inches Vertical Fall 1000ft

Slab Width 1200.00ft Images Natural avalanche on Alex Lowe Peak_close Natural Avalanche on Alex Lowe Peak_far Slab Thickness units inches Single / Multiple / Red Flag Single Avalanche Advisory Year 19-20