## **Cornice Fall Wind Slab Avalanche in Storm Castle Creek**

Storm Castle Northern Gallatin 2/25/2025 Code SS-NC-R2-D2-I Aspect E Latitude 45.45040 Longitude -111.22400 Notes

Toured much of the Hyalite zone yesterday. Winds calmed, sun came out mid day. 1" of new snow and 3" the day before. Skiing was great. Saw a couple huge cornices that had broken off. From the top of Devide peak we observed what looked like a <u>cornice</u> release above the headwaters of storm castle creek which triggered a <u>slab</u>, east facing <u>aspect</u>. Looked to be several feet deep and ran a long way. No other signs of instability observed. Great skiing. Solar aspects were saturated by the afternoon.

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Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Cornice fall
R size
2
D size
2
Bed Surface
I - Interface between new and old snow
Problem Type
Wind-Drifted Snow
Images
East aspect of stormcastle drainage ~9600ft
Fairly fresh avalanche up Hyalite
Cornice triggered slab Hyalite
Hyalite Obs
Snow Observation Source
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Large natural avalanche eastern aspect of storm castle drainage Fairly fresh avalanche up Hyalite Hyalite Obs Slab Thickness units centimeters Single / Multiple / Red Flag Single Avalanche Advisory Year 24-25