Skier-Triggered wind slab near Beehive

Beehive Basin
Northern Madison
4/7/2019
Code
SS-D1.5-I
Aspect
E
Latitude
45.32930
Longitude
-111.39100
Notes

Skiers unintentionally triggered a wind slab on an east facing slope near Beehive Basin. From the email:

"Climbed a W-facing couloir to drop over the ridge on our way to Gallatin Peak. Really firm up top.
The E-facing couloir we were gonna ski down had gotten some wind-loading, but didn't look too bad. I entered slowly from the north side, and almost immediately set off a small windslab. It wasn't big (crown maybe a foot at the deepest, most of it more like 6"), all new snow, but riding it down that couloir would really not have been a day-brightener. I slid a couple feet, but I was on the edge and it broke around me, so I wasn't caught. Probably about 8am, when we were up there."

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Number killed
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
D size
1.5
Bed Surface
I - Interface between new and old snow
Problem Type
Wind-Drifted Snow
Slab Thickness
6.0 inches
Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
18-19