Two skiers caught and carried in Beehive

Beehive Basin
Northern Madison
4/22/2022
Code
SS-AF-R2-D2
Latitude
45.34070
Longitude
-111.39100
Notes

Skiers caught and carried in 4th of July Couloir, in Beehive Basin on Friday, April 22nd.

From email: "just under the top of the couloir, my partner noted that the new snow had become much denser, an observation I did not register. Immediately after making this observation, he watched a crack propagate from his ice axe, upslope and to the left about twenty feet. In response, he shouted and attempted to self-arrest, but was unable to resist the moving snow and was pushed over backwards. I was immediately behind him as this happened and noted the moving snow around me as he called out. I'm not entirely sure how, but I managed to move sideways, out of the moving snow, before I had been carried through the constriction in the couloir. As I stood up, I watched as my partner was carried out of the couloir and about halfway down the bowl beneath it, what I would estimate to be 100-200 yards."

Number of slides
1
Number caught
2
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Foot penetration
R size
2
D size
2
Slab Thickness units
centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
21-22