Small wind slab avalanche east aspect Hyalite

Date
Sat, 11/26/2022 - 14:00
Activity
Skiing

Saw a group of skiers trigger a small wind slab avalanche on an eastern aspect at around 8,300' in the main fork of Hyalite in "Candy Land" just south of the climb Big League Chew at 2:00pm on Saturday (11/26). Crown looked to be around 2" to 1' and 90' wide. The slide ran maybe 100'. No skiers were caught. It was triggered as the first skier traversed out onto the intended ski line from the trees which they skinned up. The fracture extended from the tips of the first skiers skis and ran across the slope and underneath a small cliff band. The group skied out on a slightly lower angle slope adjacent to the slide. My group watched from below an adjacent ski run approximately 300 yards away as the slide happened. We had dug a pit on a similar aspect in the area approximately 30 minutes before the slide and found 85cm of snow with a weak layer at 42-45cm which failed CTs but we couldn't get propagation. (CT22, ECTN21). It looked like this was probably the layer that failed in this slide.

Region
Northern Gallatin
Location (from list)
Hyalite - main fork