Large natural avalanche on deeper weak layer at Big Sky

Big Sky Resort
Northern Madison
11/24/2022
Code
HS-N-R3-D3.5-O
Elevation
10000
Aspect
N
Latitude
45.27600
Longitude
-111.43600
Notes

From BSSP (11/24): "The Whale on the NSS slid naturally at some point in the past 24 hours, likely broke into deeper layers, and ran well past the Meeting Trees- estimated D3 slide. There is weakness in the alpine snowpack on some northerly aspects in the alpine..."

From BSSP (12/4): "[A] team got a better look at the natural avalanche that occurred out there around Thanksgiving. It was a solid D3.5 and ran full track from the level of the Little Couloir down to the mature tree line."

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Hard slab avalanche
Trigger
Natural trigger
R size
3
D size
3.5
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Persistent Weak Layer
Slab Thickness units
centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
22-23