

# 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](#)