Snowboarder triggered slide, Saddle Peak

Saddle Peak
Bridger Range
1/18/2023
Code
SS-ARu-R1-D2
Elevation
9000
Aspect
E
Latitude
45.79430
Longitude
-110.93600
Notes

A snowboarder triggered two shallow avalanches (estimated 4-6 inches deep) on Saddle Peak in the new snow. The slide was as the snowboarder dropped off "Quarter Saddle" and a second pocket propagated above him as he traversed out of the first slide. The snowboarder wasn't caught and the debris mostly stopped short of the main cliff with a little pile dropping off into the going home chute.

Another slide was seen from the highway in Argentina Bowl. This slide appears to be a shallow soft slab that ~50 ft wide and ran ~500 vertical ft.

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Snowboarder
Trigger Modifier
u-An unintentional release
R size
1
D size
2
Problem Type
Wind-Drifted Snow
Slab Thickness
6.0 inches
Vertical Fall
500ft
Slab Width
50.00ft

Images
Shallow avalanche in Argentina Bowl
Attached Videos
Snowboarder triggered slide, Saddle Peak
Snow Observation Source
New snow avalanches on Saddle Peak
Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
22-23