

Skier caught and injured on Lawn Mower

Lawn Mower - Town Hill

Out of Advisory Area

3/4/2023

Code

SS-ASu-R2-D2-O

Elevation

8400

Aspect

NW

Latitude

45.50570

Longitude

-110.49600

Notes

From obs: "On March 4th around 2:15 PM my partner and I observed a skier (of a separate party that was caught and carried) in a D2 R2 on the Lawnmower in the Absorkas. I believe the [slide](#) was released on a buried [weak layer](#) (We only observed the crown from a distance). The victim came to a stop approximately 1,200 ft below the start zone and was buried up to his neck. There were multiple tracks on the slope prior to the avalanche. My partner and I skied up to the separate party with the victim approximately 30 minutes after the event."

From another email "FYI big skier triggered avalanche on the lawn mower [slide](#) path on town hill today around 3pm. One skier caught and buried to neck and later airlifted out with leg injury. Our party arrived maybe 45 min after the [slide](#) and assisted others who were there."

Number of slides

1

Number caught

1

Number buried

1

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Skier

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

2

D size

2

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Weak Layer

Slab Thickness

30.0 inches

Vertical Fall

1200ft

Slab Width

300.00ft

Images

[Skier triggered and injured Lawn Mower path](#)

[Victim on the surface of the slide](#)

Snow Observation Source

[Avalanche on Lawn Mower](#)

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[22-23](#)