Collapsing, natural avalanche at the Throne

Date Tue, 01/23/2024 - 11:50 Activity Skiing

We rode into the Throne in the northern Bridgers. On the east facing hill visible from the sleds, a <u>slab</u> avalanche about 1 foot deep and 100 feet wide was seen. The debris fanned out and did not seem deep enough to bury a person. A roller ball likely triggered it on Sunday (01/21/24) as there were no roller ball tracks on the <u>bed</u> <u>surface</u>, only leading to the crown. It was a bit disheartening to think that a roller ball was enough to <u>trigger</u> a <u>slide</u>.

We skinned to the <u>runout zone</u> of the Throne letting our runout angle approach 23 degrees. We has numerous collapses and we decided to not ascent because there is not a way to stay out of avalanche terrain, plus we were concerned about having a <u>collapse</u> propagate up the hill and avalanche on us.

Region Bridger Range Location (from list) The Throne Observer Name Doug Chabot