Emigrant Gulch natural avalanche

Emigrant Peak Out of Advisory Area 1/7/2025 Code SS-N-R2-D2.5-O Elevation 9500

Aspect

NE

Latitude

45.26300

Longitude

-110.70700

Notes

As I made my way up toward emigrant peak I observed a very large natural avalanche that ripped out on a NE aspect at 9500ft. It propagated hundreds of feet wide and ran approximately 1500ft. The deepest part of the debris pile was ~15-20ft deep. The crown was approximately 3-5ft deep, maybe deeper.

Observed several large collapses and whoomphing as I toured around the area. I observed at least 4 other natural avalanches in the area, not as big but still a tell tale sign to have cautious route finding and avoid slopes steeper than 30 degrees in this mountain range.

Number of slides

Number caught

Number buried

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Natural trigger

R size

D size

2.5

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Slab

Images

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Snow Observation Source

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Slab Thickness units

centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Multiple Avalanches
Advisory Year
24-25