

Rider buried near Cooke City, close call

Miller Mtn.

Cooke City

2/25/2025

Code

HS-AMu

Latitude

45.04650

Longitude

-109.97700

Notes

We received a call (from a third party) about a snowmobiler that was buried with their head 5 feet below the snow and their foot sticking out of the snow. Their partners saw the foot and dug them out. The riders face was blue, but quickly became responsive after a "chest thump".

They were riding on the north side of Miller Mtn. Given the widespread winds and drifting, we suspect it was likely a hard [wind slab](#) avalanche similar to one spotted on [Crown Butte the same day](#) .

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Hard slab avalanche

Trigger

Snowmobile

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

Problem Type

Wind Slab

Snow Observation Source

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Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

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