Snowmobile triggered 3-5' deep hard slab at Lionhead

Targhee Creek
Lionhead Range
2/28/2025
Code
HS-AMu-R4-D3-O
Elevation
9200
Aspect
N
Latitude
44.74130
Longitude

-111.37400 Notes

A rider triggered a huge avalanche in the uppermost reaches of Targhee creek. We discovered it on our way out. The best we could tell looking at their tracks was that they had no idea they triggered it, even though part of their tracks were swept away.

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Hard slab avalanche

Trigger

Snowmobile

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

4

D size

3

Bed Surface

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Persistent Slab

Slab Thickness

48.0 inches

Vertical Fall

200ft

Slab Width

200.00ft

Weak Layer Grain type

Faceted Crystals

Weak Layer grain size

2.50mm

Images

Targhee creek crown profile - 28 Feb 2025

Tracks going out

Tracks going in

Targhee Crk sled triggered avalanche

Attached Videos

Avalanches at Lionhead

Snow Observation Source

Avalanches at Lionhead

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

24-25