

Many natural slides in Taylor Fork

Date

Sat, 01/28/2023 - 13:00

Activity

Snowmobiling

We rode to the Taylor Fork weather station (near Pika Point on the rim of Sunlight Basin) and noticed a few slides along the way. At the weather station we could see that the north end of the basin natural avalanched: the slopes from where the cornices end in Sunlight Basin past Pika Point. It broke up to 2.5 feet deep on an old layer of facets and [surface hoar](#). The [slide](#) was R2 D2, 3-400 feet vertical and at least 750 feet wide. It was a large Hard [Slab](#). We spent time at the crown digging, making a movie and getting cold. No surprises, just great to see a real avalanche. We also saw smaller slides looking west from the station, close by. Afterward, we rode to the Sage/Carrot divide in deep snow; hero riding. Skyline Ridge was obscured in clouds.

On the drive back to Bozeman we could see many slides on road cuts and on slopes across the river; low elevation avalanches that we don't get to see often.

Region

Southern Madison

Location (from list)

Taylor Fork

Observer Name

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Advisory Year

[22-23](#)