## Skier triggered on north face of Republic

Republic Mountain Cooke City 1/22/2022

Code

SS-ASu-R2-D1.5-O

Elevation

10000

Aspect

N

Latitude

45.00660

Longitude

-109.96000

Notes

From email 1/22/22: "This morning (20220122) I was ascending a steep North facing <u>couloir</u> up the N summit of Republic Mountain and on ascent (boot packing) about 1/2 way up the line I triggered a small soft <u>slab</u> from that propagated around the rock I was tucked behind, 40M above me and and 20M across. Luckily, my ascent line was sheltered from any above exposure and I was not caught or carried in anyway. The crown ranged from 8cm where I triggered it to an estimated 25cm at its deepest. The avalanche ran an estimated 200M. I believe the windslab ran on 1-3mm NSF's (evident on the bed <u>bed surfacermed</u> in the high pressure before the recent light precip."

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Skier

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

2

D size

1.5

**Bed Surface** 

O - Old snow

Problem Type

Wind-Drifted Snow

Slab Thickness

20.0 centimeters

Vertical Fall

600ft

Slab Width
70.00ft
Weak Layer Grain type
Near surface faceted particles
Images
Skier triggered wind slab, Republic Mountain
Slab Thickness units
centimeters
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year

<u>21-22</u>