

Large avalanche on low angle near Livingston

Other place

Out of Advisory Area

1/26/2019

Code

SS-R3-D2

Elevation

9000

Aspect

NE

Latitude

45.60420

Longitude

-110.48900

Notes

From text: "this one was interesting because it was so low angle and in quite tight trees. We were in a zone south of Livingston today (1/26/19), near 9k', NE [aspect](#) in dense timber not far from a ridge top. The [slide](#) may have been remote triggered by us skinning up or a large wind gust that came from the other side of ridge. We were touring up low angle terrain and had multiple large collapses on our ascent. We came to what was going to be our turn around point where my brother and I were discussing where we would rip skins and drop in. Before we proceeded into the timber on a 28deg slope we noticed a lot of tree bombs then saw the [slide](#) coming through the trees and taking out a couple of 10" diameter snags along the way. These trees were barely skiable due to how tight they were and the [starting zone](#) was only a hair over 30 deg. The crown we could see looked to be 3', and 300' wide. I'm unsure on the the distance it ran, but estimate 500-800 vertical ft. The main point I got from this [slide](#) was that we were crowding connected terrain, things are sliding at the very relaxed end of the slope spectrum, and don't be lulled into a false sense of security in fairly dense timber."

Number of slides

1

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

R size

3

D size

2

Slab Thickness

36.0 inches

Vertical Fall

600ft

Slab Width

300.00ft

Images

[Avalanche on low angle trees in Absaroka 2](#)

Avalanche on low angle trees in Absaroka

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

18-19