Splitboarder triggered avalanche at lionhead

Lionhead Ridge
Lionhead Range
12/3/2023
Code
SS-ARu-R2-D2-O
Elevation
9000
Aspect
NE
Latitude
44.71450
Longitude
-111.31800
Notes

Was splitboarding up near lions head ridge today. Made some bad decisions and kicked off a good slide in a NE facing chute. Was with 2 buddies, 1 of which skied the line 3 weeks ago. Underneath about a foot of new powder snow there was a firm crust that seemed like it was old hard windslab in the gut of the chute, and I think a sun crust on the riders left side(East aspect). We had 2 spots where we were planning to re group at, first was a small cubby area right before a slight rollover about 75 ft from the top. I dropped first, made some turns down toward the pulloff, as I pulled in, I triggered a good size slab that propagated maybe 40-50 ft across, at the rollover as I carved into the pulloff. Pulled all snow out of the chute down to the ground. Seemed to have failed on sugary facets on ground/ice crust close to the ground...

Number of slides
1
Number caught
0
Number buried
0
Avalanche Type
Soft slab avalanche
Trigger
Snowboarder
Trigger Modifier
u-An unintentional release
R size
2
D size
2
Bed Surface
O - Old snow
Problem Type
Persistent Weak Layer
Slab Thickness
10.0 inches
Slab Width

45.00ft
Snow Observation Source
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Slab Thickness units
inches
Single / Multiple / Red Flag
Single Avalanche
Advisory Year
23-24