Collapsing, natural avalanche at the Throne

Date
Tue, 01/23/2024 - 11:50
Activity
Skiing

We rode into the Throne in the northern Bridgers. On the east facing hill visible from the sleds, a slab avalanche about 1 foot deep and 100 feet wide was seen. The debris fanned out and did not seem deep enough to bury a person. A roller ball likely triggered it on Sunday (01/21/24) as there were no roller ball tracks on the bed surface, only leading to the crown. It was a bit disheartening to think that a roller ball was enough to trigger a slide.

We skinned to the runout zone of the Throne letting our runout angle approach 23 degrees. We has numerous collapses and we decided to not ascent because there is not a way to stay out of avalanche terrain, plus we were concerned about having a collapse propagate up the hill and avalanche on us.

Region
Bridger Range
Location (from list)
The Throne
Observer Name
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