

Snowboarder triggered/caught small slide on Buck Ridge

Buck Ridge

Southern Madison

1/7/2023

Code

SS-ARu-R2-D1.5-I

Elevation

9200

Aspect

NE

Latitude

45.17190

Longitude

-111.38000

Notes

Location: 45.165, -111.35808 (onX)

Elevation: ~9,200 feet

While riding a small NNE facing slope near the trail on Buck Ridge, a snowboarder triggered and followed a [cornice slide](#) that propagated approximately 75 feet and slid about 20' vertical. The one rider was caught and carried approx. 10' and ended up buried upright, waist deep with no injuries.

Number of slides

1

Number caught

1

Number buried

1

Avalanche Type

Soft slab avalanche

Trigger

Snowboarder

Trigger Modifier

u-An unintentional release

R size

2

D size

1.5

Bed Surface

I - Interface between new and old snow

Problem Type

Wind-Drifted Snow

Slab Thickness

10.0 inches

Vertical Fall

20ft

Slab Width

75.00ft

Images

[Snowboarder caught in small slide](#)

[Wide angle photo, a couple hours after already filling in the crown](#)

Snow Observation Source

[Snowboarder triggered small cornice slide](#)

Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[22-23](#)