Snowmobile-triggered slab Northern Bridgers

Fairy Lake Bridger Range 3/30/2019 Code SS-AM-R1-D1.5-I Elevation 8500 Aspect NE Latitude 45.91380 Longitude -110.98000 Notes

A skier in the northern Bridgers saw this snowmobile-triggered avalanche after experiencing a large whumpf on a nearby slope. From the email:

"Skied Fraizer Lake, skinning up the north facing in the bowl. It was light snow on a hard surface with good stability until we got up under the cliffs and I started noticing grauple pouring into the skin track. Tested a few more steps and got a big whomph, dug a quick hand pit and got super poor stability with a 6-8" slab on cold grauple. I skied backwards down the track and away. We saw a bunch of big north facing lines get skied, and I was feeling a bit conservative. As we were leaving we checked out Hardscrabble North bowl and saw this 'biler trigged slide the north facing pocket, same aspect as where we were." Photo and obs: P. Cronin

Number of slides 1 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Number killed 0 Avalanche Type Soft slab avalanche Trigger Snowmobile R size 1 D size 1.5 Bed Surface I - Interface between new and old snow Problem Type New Snow **Slab Thickness** 8.0 inches

Vertical Fall 100ft Slab Width 25.00ft Weak Layer Grain type Graupe Images <u>Snowmobile-triggered slab Northern Bridgers</u> Slab Thickness units inches Single / Multiple / Red Flag Single Avalanche Advisory Year 18-19