Human Triggered Soft Slab Avalanches - Mt Blackmore

Mt Blackmore Northern Gallatin 3/24/2020 Code SS-ASc-R1-D1-S Elevation 10000 Aspect N Latitude 45.44440 Longitude -111.00400 Notes

Snowfall throughout the afternoon fluctuated between S1 - S5 (during brief squalls). The winds started out moderate and from the west but calmed by the last lap \sim 5 pm. The new snow (from last night/this morning) was fairly well bonded to the sun/melt-freeze crust below, but the storm came in subtly upside down. Today's snowfall (accumulating \sim 3" while skiing between 1-530) was light. Right along the ridgeline, we triggered 4 predictable small storm slabs 4 \sim 6" deep on the <u>upside-down storm</u> snow from last night/this morning, but surprisingly not on the old crust. They were each 5-10m wide x 5m long and only ran \sim 5m vertically.

Number of slides 4 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Avalanche Type Soft slab avalanche Trigger Skier **Trigger Modifier** c-A controlled or intentional release by the indicated trigger R size 1 D size 1 **Bed Surface** S - Avalanche released within new snow Problem Type New Snow Slab Thickness 6.0 inches Vertical Fall 20ft Slab Width

30.00ft Weak Layer Grain type Precipitation Particles Images <u>Human Triggered Soft Slab Avalanche - Mount Blackmore</u> Slab Thickness units inches Single / Multiple / Red Flag Multiple Avalanches Advisory Year <u>19-20</u>