

Town Hill Lawn Mower Incident

Date

Sat, 03/04/2023 - 14:30

Activity

Snowboarding

Yesterday, I was in the party of three that had one skier injured on the Lawn Mower, and witnessed the slide.

Our pit results before the descent were stable (ECT-X), we made sure to dig past the problematic layer noted in the snowpit observation at town hill on 2/19.

We began our descent leapfrogging one another to zones of safety. Myself and the third person in our party below the skier in a safe zone when he was was caught. The avalanche broke above him and came down on to him to sweep him down into the gully. Based on how he trigged it toward the far edge of the path, best guess is he found a shallower trigger point that remote triggered above.

The two of use remaining split up so one could search above where we last saw him, and one going down the path. Got a signal and shortly spotted him buried with his head and arm out and conscious. After excavating him it was clear his leg was broken at the femur.

Two other groups showed up on the scene some time after to help.

Outside of the observation above, one of the groups gave their extra jackets and we do not have contact information to return them. If possible would you be able to share that with me?

Region

Out of Advisory Area

Location (from list)

Lawn Mower - Town Hill

Observer Name

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