

## Skier caught in large sluff at Bridger Bowl

Bridger Bowl  
Bridger Range  
4/1/2020  
Code  
L-ASu-R2-D2-I  
Elevation  
9000  
Aspect  
E  
Latitude  
45.81560  
Longitude  
-110.92300  
Notes

An email with some edits:

This morning I skinned up to the ridge alone and went south. I made a turn into some trees and triggered a small sluff below me. I wasn't comfortable with the amount of snow I moved, so I sidestepped up to the ridge and went back north to the Nose. I dropped into the Nose and made my way to the chute Bombs Away. I skied through Bombs Away and made a few turns in the large apron below the chute before a large sluff I triggered above caught up to me. I stayed on my feet and went through some tight trees, ripping a couple of straps off my backpack, and then I got knocked onto my back. As the [slide](#) began to slow, I popped up quickly and managed to ski away. My familiarity with Bridger when it is patrolled influenced my poor decision making, as well as a false sense of being comfortable in dangerous terrain. I am extremely lucky and grateful that it wasn't worse. I hope others try to avoid similar, poor decision making in this strange post-season at Bridger Bowl.

Another observation from 10 am:

15" crown N facing Knob Job 1. Going on interface between Monday/ Tuesday snow. Thin line of NSF maybe. Crossing Boundary Chute that had mostly cleaned itself out on the upper section, pushed on it on the N facing side and got 2 good whoompfs.

Number of slides  
1  
Number caught  
1  
Number buried  
0  
Avalanche Type  
Loose-snow avalanche  
Trigger  
Skier  
Trigger Modifier  
u-An unintentional release  
R size  
2  
D size

2

Bed Surface

I - Interface between new and old snow

Problem Type

New Snow

Slab Thickness

40.0 centimeters

Slab Layer Hardness

F+

Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

19-20