## **Recent Wet Avalanches in the T-Roots**

Tobacco Root Mountains Out of Advisory Area 4/29/2023 Code WS-N-R2-D3 Elevation 8500 Aspect E Latitude 45.60750 Longitude -112.12800 Notes

While touring into the Dry Boulder Creek drainage, we noticed remnants of many recent wet loose slides, and one significant wet <u>slab</u> avalanche. The wet loose slides had occurred on all aspects, including low-elevation north facing slopes. I estimate that most of the wet loose slides we observed were no larger than R2 for their respective paths, and most were D2, with some large, high elevation slides, reaching a possible D3.

We observed the remnant of one large wet <u>slab</u> on an east facing slope at around 8500 ft. I estimated the crown to be around 500 ft wide, and 5 feet deep at its maximum. I estimate this <u>slide</u> was a R2 D3, with an unknown natural <u>trigger</u>.

We took these observations into account, staying off of solar aspects, and staying out of avalanche terrain once the snow began to soften.

Number of slides 4 Number caught 0 Number buried 0 Avalanche Type Wet slab avalanche Trigger Natural trigger R size 2 D size 3 Problem Type Wet Snow Images Large Recent Wet Slab (E 8500') Wet Loose in the Alpine, T-roots Wet Loose below Treeline (North Facing), T-roots Snow Observation Source <u>Recent Avalanche Activity in the T-Roots</u> Slab Thickness units centimeters Single / Multiple / Red Flag Multiple Avalanches Advisory Year <u>22-23</u>