

Avalanche Observations from 3/11/23

Patterson

About 20 different naturals in this area. All north-facing and mostly D2, with one producing D3 debris about a mile long.

Red Devil

Near "Old Cutters" 6 - D1.5-2 avalanches released near the tail end of the storm on an NW at ~6900'. There appear to be game tracks entering one of the crowns, which could be the trigger.

Johnstone Peak

- 1 - D3 natural on a W at ~9600'
- 2 - D2 naturals on a W-SW at 9000'

Independence Gulch

- 1 - D2 natural on an NW at 7400'
- 1 - D2 older natural (beginning of storm?) on a W at 8000'

Keystone Gulch

- 12 - D2-2.5 naturals on W-N-NW from 7200-8000'

Photo 0510 location

Morgan Ridge

- 1 - D2.5 natural on NW at 7200'

Lake Creek

Headwaters: 2 - D3-3.5 naturals on a S slope at 9800' and W slope at 10,100'

Triple Peak

Sun Peak

Eagle Creek

- 1 - D3.5 natural on a S at 9900', wide propagation around many terrain features

Kent Peak

- 1- D3 natural on S at 10,800'

Fox Creek

- 1 - D2.5 on NE at 7700'

Boulder Peak

- 1 - D3 on E-SE at 10,300'
- 1 - D2 on S at 10,400'

Silver Creek

- 2 - D2.5 naturals on SE-E at 10,600'

Easley Peak

- 1- D2.5 on a S at 10,100'

Saviers Peak

- 3 - D2.5 on E and SE

Prairie Creek

West Fork 2 - D2.5 on a SE and E-NE around 9800'

Prairie Creek 2 - D2.5 on NE and SE at 9700'

Galena Peak

- 1 - D2.5 on W-NW at 10,200'

Gladiator Creek

- 1 - D3 on W at 10,000'

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1 - D2.5 on S at 9400'

Galena Pass

18 - Snowplow/Rotary Blower triggered slides from D1.5-2 with 1-2' crowns (except on the north side of the pass 2-3' crown)

1 - D2 wide propagation near Galena Summit, where there was a snowboarder fatality over 20 years ago?

***I have more avalanches to log in the Sawtooths and Warm Springs/Dollarhide area.