

Many natural avalanches in Island Park

Sawtelle Peak

Island Park

3/15/2023

Code

HS-N

Latitude

44.56110

Longitude

-111.44300

Notes

From the FAA road up Sawtelle Peak outside Island Park we were able to see many crown lines and debris piles from the last 2 days of Avalanche Warnings. Most avalanches involved new snow, but there was 1 deep avalanche on Mt. Jefferson's east face that was large (D3). The FAA did avalanche control and an avalauncher round triggered a small, but deep [slide](#) (2-5' deep) and a larger explosive on another slope yielded no results. We saw 8 backcountry avalanches from the road. These were east and north facing, the only aspects available for viewing.

The snowfall totaled 3' and it will take a few days for the snowpack to become more stable. In the meantime, be patient and stay off of steep slopes.

Number of slides

8

Number caught

0

Number buried

0

Avalanche Type

Hard slab avalanche

Trigger

Natural trigger

Problem Type

New Snow

Images

[11 feet of snow on Sawtelle Peak at 8,700'](#)

[2 naturals seen from Sawtelle Peak](#)

[Natural avalanche low on Mt Jefferson](#)

[Natural avalanches on and near Mt Jefferson](#)

Attached Videos

[Aftermath of an Avalanche Warning, Island Park - 16 March](#)

Snow Observation Source

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Slab Thickness units

centimeters

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Multiple Avalanches

Advisory Year

