

## Skier triggered large cornice, Beehive

Beehive Basin  
Northern Madison  
12/20/2020  
Code  
C-ASu-R2-D2-O  
Elevation  
8960  
Aspect  
E  
Latitude  
45.32750  
Longitude  
-111.39700  
Notes

From obs.: "Kicked off a larger than expected [cornice](#) as we skinned up the ridge on the W side of Beehive basin. Wind was blowing 20-ish across the opening, [cornice](#) had grown pretty good-sized for so little snow. I was making a turn on skins to get back away from the edge when the [cornice](#) gave way, probably pulled 25 feet end to end and broke a good 5 feet back from the lee edge of the [cornice](#) . I was able to get off the [cornice](#) and avoid going over the edge. No activity on the slope below after [cornice](#) drop,... although there was a decent hard [slab](#) that pulled out just below the ridge when the [cornice](#) dropped onto it.... Hard [slab](#) on the edges was about 10" deep, some big chunks of [cornice](#) on the slope for any future riders..."

Number of slides  
1  
Number caught  
0  
Number buried  
0  
Avalanche Type  
Cornice fall  
Trigger  
Skier  
Trigger Modifier  
u-An unintentional release  
R size  
2  
D size  
2  
Bed Surface  
O - Old snow  
Problem Type  
Wind-Drifted Snow  
Slab Thickness  
10.0 inches  
Slab Width  
25.00ft

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Slab Thickness units

inches

Single / Multiple / Red Flag

Single Avalanche

Advisory Year

[20-21](#)