

## Small Natural Avalanche, Flanders

Flanders Creek  
Northern Gallatin  
2/5/2022  
Code  
SS-N-R2-D1  
Aspect  
E  
Latitude  
45.44020  
Longitude  
-110.93100  
Notes

Climbers on the big sleep on Saturday reported strong wind and blowing snow. They witnessed a [wind slab](#) that broke above the climb, and estimated that it was large enough to bury, injure, or kill a person.

From obs 2/5/22: "We hiked into Flanders to check out the Big Sleep ice climb. It was super windy with lots of blowing snow and the ice was thin so we decided not to climb it.

We witnessed a sizeable [wind slab](#) or sluff pour over the big sleep. It covered the whole climb for a second and probably would've slammed a climber off the route. Maybe 20 x 20 x 6 in [slab](#) but thats loose estimate."

Number of slides  
1  
Number caught  
0  
Number buried  
0  
Avalanche Type  
Soft slab avalanche  
Trigger  
Natural trigger  
R size  
2  
D size  
1  
Problem Type  
Wind Slab  
Slab Thickness units  
centimeters  
Single / Multiple / Red Flag  
Single Avalanche  
Advisory Year  
[21-22](#)