Wet slide in Avalanche Gulch

Date Mon, 03/18/2024 - 11:15 Activity Ice Climbing

My partner and I were approaching Responsible FamilyMan via Avalanche Gulch early yesterday morning (3/18), and once we broke through the trees into the <u>runout zone</u>, we stumbled across a pretty large wet avalanche debris field. The debris terminated within ~50 yards of the max <u>runout zone</u>. It appeared to be a point release from a couple of pitches up (as we found no crown), and it just entrained a whole lot of snow on the way down. I've included some pictures.

We finished our day around 1:00pm when the gulch started receiving sun and hastily made our way back to the valley. 30 minutes of direct sun was all it took for us to notice rollerballs and a lot of meltwater seeping down the rocks.

Region Northern Gallatin Location (from list) Hyalite - main fork Observer Name Robbie Parsons