



A natural avalanche released on the layer of big, faceted grains. The slab was up to 2 feet thick. This snowpack structure is similar throughout southwest Montana. Slab + Weak Layer + Steep Slope + Trigger = Avalanche.

Advisory Region
Southern Madison
Longitude
-111.27W
Latitude

44.97N

Forecast link: [GNFAC Avalanche Forecast for Mon Dec 21, 2009](#)
Southern Madison, 2009-12-20