

100329 Bro Bowl

I was in Valdez Alaska this April on one of the best Alaska trips possible. It had snowed for a week before we arrived. The first day we showed up it went blue and we got a bit excited and tried to push things a bit too quick. The last run of my day was about 1000' of vert and had a suspicious wind layer. I dug a quick hand pit and felt ok on the face. On my 4th turn the whole slope released as a solid slab. I had a safe zone of a small spine to pull onto. I made it to the spine but as I pulled on my tails were pulled out behind me and I was thrown into the avy. Soon as this happened I deployed my [air]bag ... I was drug down about 800' vert in a super fast moving slab and over a couple rock bands. When the dust cleared I was only buried to my thighs and had no other injuries. The rocks I bounced off of should have broken something without the protection of the bag.

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