

FRIENDS OF



**SAWTOOTH
NATIONAL FOREST
AVALANCHE
CENTER**

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2009-10

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Dear Friends,

November 15, 2009

This winter the Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center will be working hard to provide the best, most current, snow and avalanche information ever. This is the 16th year of providing numerous classes and daily information for winter travelers and backcountry users. We are proud to inform you the Sawtooth NF Avalanche Center, along with the other FS Region 4 avalanche centers of Utah and Wyoming, was awarded the prestigious Regional Foresters Award in recognition of outstanding work and accomplishments.

We need your support as much as ever and hope the Avalanche Center can continue to provide such an excellent service for our community. Approximately 50% of the Avalanche Center's funding comes from the Forest Service, the remainder must come from private donations, partnerships and grants. With your help, we will be able to continue our avalanche programs and daily advisories.

This year the Friends are working to raise \$40,000. This money will:

- * Perform outreach and public education avalanche awareness classes including the "Know Before You Go" Awareness program for 7th graders . January 6th we host a special evening with guest speaker Ian McCammon and his thought provoking presentation about decision making in avalanche terrain.
- * Help install and maintain the community avalanche rescue training facility, accessible to the public on a daily basis.
- * Provide special Avalanche Awareness Week programs early February 2010.
- * Help maintain the two Titus weather stations that provide hourly information.
- * Maintain two Polaris snowmobiles on loan from Idaho Department of Parks & Rec., allowing forecasters to access snowmobile areas.
- * Record special 60 second radio spots for daily avalanche information on KECH

Last winter, with some prolonged avalanche conditions, we suffered the loss of two area residents in two separate avalanche accidents. We feel the efforts of the Avalanche Center were instrumental in helping alert people to conditions and better understand how to live and play in avalanche country. Last year we set a new record for advisory use with well over 100,000 internet accesses and hotline calls. This winter we expect to see even more people seeking winter recreation in the backcountry.

As the snow begins to fly this winter, we hope you will make a tax-deductible contribution to the Friends of the Sawtooth NF Avalanche Center. *Help us minimize expense and paper-donate online www.sawtoothavalanche.com. Thanks!*

With your support we can help make the backcountry a safer, more enjoyable place for everyone. Have a great season in the snow, and we hope to see you at the Best of Banff Film Festival fundraiser this year!

Sincerely,

Sara Lundy, for the Friends Advisory Committee

**Check the Advisory:
SawtoothAvalanche.com
622-8027**

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2009-2010 AVALANCHE CLASSES

<u>Time & Date</u>	<u>Class/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
6-8:30 pm Tuesday, December 1st (Ketchum) All day Saturday, December 5th	Avalanche Basics (2.5Hr) Optional Field Session	Hemingway School Front Lobby
6-8:30 pm Tuesday, January 5 th (Hailey) All day Saturday, January 9th	Avalanche Basics (2.5Hr) Optional Field Session	Hailey Community Campus, Rm 301
6-8:30 PM Thursday, January 14th (Hailey) All day Saturday, January 16 th	Avalanche Basics for Snowmobilers Optional Snowmobile Field Session	Woodside Motorsports

These classes are co-sponsored by:
Blaine County Rec, Woodside Motorsports and The Friends of the Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center

❄️ AVALANCHE AWARENESS WEEK ❄️

7-8pm Tuesday, February 2nd Avalanche Awareness Program (1Hr) Community Campus rm 903, Hailey

A beacon training clinic at the Avalanche Rescue Training Park on Sun Valley Road will be offered Saturday Feb. 6th from 1 to 3PM- check the avalanche advisory for details

6pm February 4,5,6- Th,Fr, Sa **Best of Banff Film Festival Fundraiser and Super Raffle** NexStage Theater, Ketchum
Sponsored by Friends of the Sawtooth NF Avalanche Center

New This Winter!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6 7-8:30PM
The NexStage Theater - Main Street, Ketchum

❄️ Decision Making in Avalanche Terrain ❄️

A special evening with Ian McCammon, Phd. Avalanche researcher and educator
Ian captivated audiences last winter with our panel discussion and we are able to bring him back for a thought provoking presentation with plenty of opportunity for questions and audience participation

For more information about classes
Check our website WWW.SawtoothAvalanche.com and check the Calendar of Events in the Idaho Mt Express.
Or contact the Sawtooth NF Avalanche Center at 622-0095

The Friends would like to especially thank all of our Avalanche Advisory Sponsors this year:
Blaine County Search and Rescue, The City of Ketchum- Ketchum Fire Department, the Sawtooth Society, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Smiley Creek Lodge, The Wattis Dumke Foundation,
Sun Valley Telemark Series, Twin Falls Bureau of Land Management