



Dear Friends!

It is a great honor to be part of the backcountry community as the new president of the Friends of the SNFAC. As an avid skier and passionate mountaineer for more than a decade, I have seen and heard many avalanches thundering down the slopes, always from a safe distance. We all know or know of someone that wasn't so lucky. To keep our skiing and snowmobiling community from experiencing disaster, we rely heavily on the Avalanche Advisory. The Friends of the SNFAC want to make sure that this can be done by our professional forecasters in the best way possible and as long into the season as needed. I want to thank you for your contribution and support - it is important, appreciated and used most efficiently.

Sincerely,
Wolf Riehle, President

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Avalanche Center routinely gets asked why they stop daily advisories late-March/early-April.

The answer is funding.

At \$2500 per week, our goal is to raise an additional \$5000 this winter so we can provide daily advisories through mid-April.

Support avalanche safety in our community!

From Chris Lundy, Avalanche Center Director

I am honored to follow in Janet's footsteps. Despite my size 13 feet, hers will be tough shoes to fill! The Avalanche Center will continue to provide a top-notch public service in the form of daily avalanche advisories and numerous public avalanche education programs. **We'd like to welcome Simon Trautman to the forecasting team this winter.** He was selected from an unprecedented pool of applicants—a testament to our reputation and also that of our community. For more background on Simon, check out our updated "About Us" page on our website. On behalf of everyone at the Avalanche Center, **I want to express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your continued support.** We truly could not operate in our present capacity without it!

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Friends!

From Janet Kellam, former Director

This year I wanted to write a special letter for the Friends of the SNFAC. Many of you know I have stepped down as director and am passing the torch to a hard working, talented crew at the Avalanche Center. The Center is in great hands, is running well and has much promise for the future. The success of the SNFAC is due to all of the community support and partnerships. **The SNFAC is a Forest Service program but the Friends of the SNFAC, private foundations and other agency partners provide approximately half of the annual budget.** This additional funding allows the SNFAC to offer its many services and programs and be considered one of the leading avalanche centers in the country. Without these partnerships the SNFAC would not be able to continue its great work nor would it reach nearly as many people.

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During the 2009-10 winter, the SNFAC...

- Provided General Snow & Weather Info and Daily Avalanche Advisories Oct. 18th through April 9th.
- Began providing specific avalanche information for the Sawtooth and Soldier regions.
- Changed advisory format to offer "Bottom Lines" and danger roses for four different regions.
- Provided more photos and YouTube videos than ever before.
- Reached 750 people through a wide variety of avalanche education programs.
- Taught an avalanche safety program targeting youth to over 200 middle schoolers.
- Used Facebook and Twitter to help communicate avalanche information, classes, and events.
- Offered real-time weather data through Avalanche Center and partner weather stations.

Winter 2010-11 Class Schedule

<u>Time & Date</u>	<u>Class/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
6-8:30 pm, Tuesday, December 7th (Ketchum) All day Saturday, December 11th	Avalanche Basics Optional Field Session	Hemingway Elementary School
6-8:30 pm, Tuesday, January 4th (Hailey) All day Saturday, January 8th	Avalanche Basics Optional Field Session	Hailey Community Campus, Rm 301
7-9 pm, Wednesday, January 12th (Hailey) All day Saturday, January 15th	Avalanche Basics for Snowmobilers Optional Snowmobile Field Session	Woodside Motorsports
7-9 pm, Thursday, February 3rd (Fairfield) All day Saturday, February 5th	Avalanche Basics Optional Snowmobile Field Session	Legion Hall

These classes are co-sponsored by:

Blaine County Rec, Woodside Motorsports and The Friends of the Sawtooth National Forest Avalanche Center.
Check Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation schedule for snowmobile awareness programs throughout Idaho.

5th Annual Avalanche Awareness Week, January 31st — February 5th

<u>Time & Date</u>	<u>Class/Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
7-8 pm, Tuesday, February 1st	Avalanche Awareness Program	Hailey Community Campus, Rm 903
1-3 pm, Saturday, February 5th	Avalanche Rescue Clinic	Avalanche Rescue Training Park
6 pm, Friday, February 4th 6 pm, Saturday, February 5th	Best of Banff Film Festival Fundraiser and Incredible Raffle	NexStage Theater, Ketchum

For more information about classes:

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