



Flathead National Forest

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Avalanche Awareness Program for Snowmobilers

The Flathead National Forest, in partnership with Glacier Country Avalanche Center, is sponsoring a free avalanche awareness and safety training program focused for snowmobilers, beginning Monday, January 26. The program will consist of four evening lectures and two Saturday field sessions. This program meets the American Avalanche Association Level 1 guidelines.

The evening lectures will be Mondays and Wednesdays, January 26 and 28 and February 2 and 4, with field sessions on Saturdays January 31 and February 7. The evening lectures will be at the Flathead National Forest Office in Northwest Kalispell, 650 Wolfpack Way, 6:30 – 9:30pm. Pre-registration is not required.

Flathead National Forest Avalanche Specialist Stan Bones said, “The program will include information about avalanche terrain, mountain weather and snowpack, stability evaluation and decision making, and avalanche rescue.” Bones encourages participants to attend all sessions to gain maximum benefit.

For more information visit www.glacieravalanche.org or contact the Flathead National Forest at 758-5295.

REMINDER:

The Flathead National Forest issues avalanche advisories for Northwest Montana twice a week this time of year. Advisories include information about snowpack conditions, weather forecasts, and hazard evaluations. Visit www.glacieravalanche.org or call 406-257-8402 for these advisories. Anyone traveling in the backcountry will always need to make their own time and site specific avalanche hazard evaluations.

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