



Wasatch-Cache National Forest

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DANGEROUS AVALANCHE CONDITIONS EXPECTED THIS WEEKEND

SALT LAKE CITY, JANUARY 4, 2008 - An avalanche watch has been issued for the mountains of northern, central and southern Utah. A prolonged storm with powerful winds and periods of heavy snowfall is expected to increase the avalanche danger in the backcountry for the weekend. Avalanches may breakout within the new snow or on deeper weak layers of the snowpack. Avalanche activity may occur on a variety of aspects and on low, mid and high elevation slopes.

Backcountry travelers are urged to:

- 1) Always carry the minimum rescue gear, a beacon, shovel and probe
- 2) Consult the avalanche advisory before heading out
- 3) Cross avalanche terrain one at a time and always leave the rest of the group in safe spot to do the rescue in case something goes wrong.

People should check the latest avalanche conditions by monitoring our web site at:

www.utahavalanchecenter.org or call 888-999-4019. (Recorded information customized for each forecast area)

This press release does not apply to ski areas or highways where avalanche control is normally conducted.

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