



Wasatch-Cache National Forest

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ELEVATED AVALANCHE DANGER THROUGH THE WEEKEND

SALT LAKE CITY, February 8, 2008 – Rapidly warming temperatures and direct sun will keep the avalanche danger elevated through the weekend in the Wasatch and Western Uinta Mountains. As the snow surface heats up each day, both human triggered and spontaneous avalanches will be possible, occurring on a wide variety of aspects and elevations, from the peaks down to the foothills. The key to safe backcountry travel will be careful terrain evaluation – choose low angle slopes, and avoid travel below steep slopes. Avoid terrain traps, such as gullies, creek bottoms, and trails below steep banks, which are common at lower elevations. In urban areas, avalanche dangers include snow slides off of roofs. The potential for deeper, more dangerous avalanches is possible in the western Uintas.

Before traveling in the backcountry, check for the latest avalanche update at www.avalanche.org or call 1-888-999-4019.

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