



**GROOMING OF THE SNOWMOBILE TRAILS ON
BOULDER AND FRISBY WILL END AFTER SUNDAY,
APRIL 11, 2010**

**CHECK Canadian Avalanche Centre Avalanche
BULLETINS !!!**

NOTICE

**Anyone finding any backpacks, helmets or anything else
at the Turbo Hill Avalanche site is asked to turn it into
the RCMP. They can match it up with the owners.**

We would very much appreciate your cooperation!

One of the fundamental principles of travel in avalanche terrain is to limit the numbers exposed to the consequences of an avalanche.

Riding in avalanche terrain should be a solitary activity, thus you group up in a safe spots and then hit the slopes alone. Somehow this principle is not being followed in the sled accidents we are seeing.

Over the next few weeks the CAC will be aggressively pursue messaging that targets this public safety issue. We are asking you to help.

With the current conditions as they are we can expect to see decreasing frequency of avalanches but with increasing size. This means it becomes more and more tempting to hit the slope that you have resisted because you may go quite a long time without seeing any avalanche activity. Unfortunately when a slide does occur (I did not say "if") the strong likelihood is that it will be bigger than expected. It can also occur on slopes that are less steep than usual. It is therefore critical that people respect the one-at-a-time rule for slope use - even in moderately steep terrain!

I would be expecting avalanche activity in the coming week to be on slopes about 30 to 35 degrees with a wide-open smooth character. This is not very steep.

I am interested in your thoughts on how we encourage reduced numbers of exposed people at the same time in avalanche country. If you are seeing bad habits in terms of grouping together where you are, you should consider taking action to counter the trend. Please forward this message to your members.

Best Regards,

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