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EDITORIAL NOTE

The intention of AVALANCHE NEWS is to assist communication between persons and organizations engaged in snow avalanche work in Canada. Short articles cover reports of accidents, upcoming and past events, new techniques and equipment, publications, personal news, activities of organizations concerned with avalanche safety, education and research.

The editor welcomes and expects contributions; all reasonable comments and discussions will be printed. The articles in AVALANCHE NEWS reflect the views of the authors, and only when it is specifically stated do they represent the opinion of the Canadian Avalanche Association.

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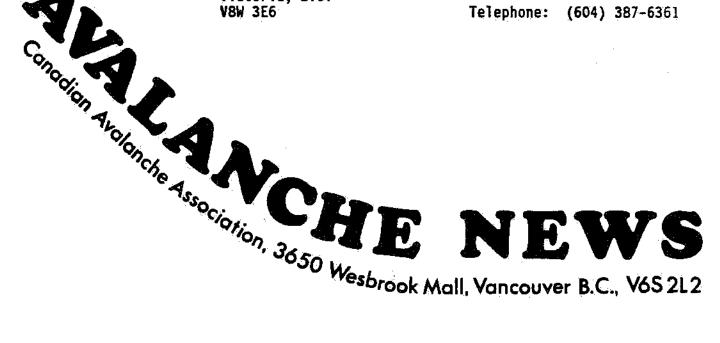
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THE CANADIAN AVALANCHE CENTRE

By Chris Stethem

On March 31, 1991 the National Research Council of Canada Avalanche Centre will close its doors due to shifting priorities and budget cuts. The Canadian Avalanche Association will open the "Canadian Avalanche Centre" on April 1, 1991, to provide new leadership in avalanche education and in technical support to industry and the public.

The Canadian Avalanche Centre will have three initial objectives:

- 1. To organize and administer professional avalanche safety training courses and to provide a public education resource centre;
- To operate a daily exchange of snow stability information amongst skiing, transportation, parks and industrial sites affected by snow avalanches;
- 3. To establish a public avalanche hazard information source through regional bulletins for areas similar to those described in the Mountain Weather Forecast, using the data base provided by the industry information exchange.

The Canadian Avalanche Centre will be funded initially by avalanche course fees, industry information exchange subscriptions, and transitional government support. The CAA is currently discussing transitional funding with both Federal and Provincial governments.

CAA Activities - 1990-91 Winter

During the 1990-91 winter the Canadian Avalanche Association Training Schools, and a pilot project in snow stability information exchange, will be run out of the National Research Council of Canada office in Revelstoke.

Inge Anhorn is our registrar and coordinator for the avalanche schools this winter. She can be contacted at (604) 837-2435, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

The pilot project in snow stability information exchange is intended to develop and establish the second objective of the Canadian Avalanche Centre. This project will operate from December 1 to March 31.

The networking of information amongst operations concerned with avalanche safety can only serve to increase safety margins for all. The exchange will provide information on conditions both in an operations' local mountain region and in a larger Western network. Kel Fenwick and Chris Whalley will be coordinating the information exchange from Revelstoke this year.

CANADIAN AVALANCHE ASSOCIATION TRAINING SCHOOLS

by Peter Schaerer

In the winter of 1990-1991 the week long avalanche safety courses for personnel of operations again will be organized by the Canadian Avalanche Association.

The Institute for Research in Construction of the National Research Council assists the courses by developing the course material and course schedules, and by making available its office at Revelstoke for the administration. The Canadian Avalanche Association has contracted Inge Anhorn as the administrator of the courses. Her duties include receiving the registrations and payments, preparing the papers and equipment for the courses, and making local arrangements.

Brochures (containing a registration form) and information about the courses may be obtained from Inge through:

Canadian Avalanche Association Training Schools
P.O. Box 2759
Revelstoke, B.C.
VOE 280

Telephone: (604) 837-2435

The preferred time for telephone calls is Monday to Friday between 1000 hours and 1400 hours (Pacific Standard Time).

The following courses are planned:

<u>Avalanche Safety for Transportation and Industry - Level 1</u>

3 - 7 December, at Creston, B.C. 10 - 14 December, at Creston, B.C.

Course Fee: \$475.00

The participants need no prerequisites.

Avalanche Safety for Ski Operations - Level 1

1 - 7 December, at Whistler, B.C.

6 - 12 January, at Creston, B.C.

27 January - 2 February, at Mount Engadine Lodge, Canmore, Alberta

Course Fee: \$625.00

The participants must be intermediate skiers.

Avalanche Safety for Ski Operations - Level 2

6 - 13 January, at Lake Louise, Alberta

Course Fee: \$875.00

The participants must have passed a Level 1 course or equivalent, and after completion of the course have applied the knowledge of the Level 1 course for at least one winter.

In addition to these courses, other organizations offer approved Avalanche Safety for Ski Operation - Level 1 courses in-house and for the public. Information about them may be obtained from the course administrator.

INTERNATIONAL SNOW CLASSIFICATION

The International Classification for Seasonal Snow on the Ground has recently been reissued by the International Commission on Snow and Ice. This is the first time the classification system has been changed since 1954. Residents of Canada can obtain a copy by writing to me. I will also be requesting information and comments on the system particularly from those people who might have input once the system is field tested. This information will be sought for two purposes: possible suggestions for modifying the system (should it be necessary) and information will be provided for possible future revision of the Guidelines for Weather, Snowpack and Avalanche Observations.

For a copy write:

Dave McClung

National Research Council Canada

3650 Wesbrook Mall Vancouver, B.C.

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AVALANCHE INVOLVEMENT REPORTS

by Peter Schaerer Avalanche Centre National Research Council Canada

Since 1969 the Avalanche Centre of the National Research Council of Canada has collected information about avalanche accidents that resulted in fatalities or a major loss of property. Since 1979 the data included all encounters of persons, equipment and structures with avalanches, whether it caused injury, damage, or burial, or was a lucky escape.

Summaries of the reported avalanche encounters were published annually in the June issue of <u>Avalanche News</u>, and an analysis of them was printed in the <u>Canadian Alpine Journal</u>, Vol. 71, 1988.

By attracting the attention of the public, management of industries, governments and the media, the summaries of avalanche involvements have assisted in creating an awareness about avalanche hazards and support of safety programs.

The collection of statistics on avalanche involvements will be even more important in the future. The information will be needed to impress politicians, governments, and industries who support the Canadian Avalanche Centre. The objective in the future would be to show a decline of accidents, because of better information available and the number of escapes because people were aware on how to react in avalanche terrain. For these reasons the collection of avalanche involvement reports will continue in this coming winter of 1990 - 1991.

Initially, the Avalanche Centre of the National Research Council will continue to receive the reports, and beginning in April 1991 the Canadian Avalanche Centre of the Canadian Avalanche Association will receive and analyze the reports. We urge anybody who has been involved with an avalanche, or has witnessed or heard about an avalanche encounter to let us know in writing or by word of mouth. The message is important, but not the format. It may be transmitted with the special form, on a note, by telephone, or during a conversation. A copy of the special form that may be used is attached to this issue of <u>Avalanche News</u>, and explanations on how to complete it are contained in the <u>Guidelines for Weather</u>, Snowpack, and Avalanche Observations.

Participants in the Canadian Avalanche Centre Information Exchange this coming winter may include information concerning avalanche involvements on their daily input message, and this would be all that is required.

Involvement reports need not mention the names of the persons involved and the location may be general. The information will be kept confidential and be released in summary form only.

Avalanche involvements should be reported to either one of the following addresses:

a) Avalanche Centre National Research Council 3650 Wesbrook Mall Vancouver, B.C. V6S 2L2

Telephone: (604) 666-6741

b) Avalanche Centre P.O. Box 2759 Revelstoke, B.C. VOE 2SO

Telephone: (604) 837-2435

The addresses may be used also after April 1, 1991.

TRAINING VIDEO

The Canadian Avalanche Association produces video tapes of selected topics that are instructed at public, professional, and in-home training sessions. The videos summarize and illustrate the information which an instructor may present in the classroom and in the field. Avalanche safety operations find the videos useful for their annual refresher training of staff.

The latest tape, Avalanche Control, is now available. It has a running length of approximately 40 minutes and with the aid of motion pictures explains the procedures of handblasting (time 15 minutes), use of the avalancher (time 15 minutes), and cornice control (time 10 minutes). The avalanche control tape was produced with the kind assistance of the staff of Banff National Park.

Another tape covering the procedures of helicopter bombing is in preparation and is expected to be available at the beginning the 1991 winter.

Presently the following tapes are available for sale:

Avalanche Control - (Length: 40 minutes)
 Procedures for handblasting, avalauncher use, and cornice control.

Cost: \$110.00 (\$95.00 U.S.)

2. Avalanche Terrain - (Length: 9 minutes)
Features of terrain that produce avalanches, and safe travel routes;
with still pictures.

Cost: \$50.00 (\$45.00 U.S.)

3. <u>Snow Profile Procedures</u> - (Length: 9 minutes 30 seconds) Techniques for observing snow profiles; with still pictures.

Cost: \$50.00 (\$45.00 U.S.)

The cost includes handling and postage.

Copies in VHS are on hand. Copies in other systems (Beta, 3/4 inch, PAL) can be made within a few days.

Orders should be sent with payment or by purchase order to:

Canadian Avalanche Association 3650 Wesbrook Mall Vancouver, B.C. V6S 2L2

Telephone (604) 666-6741.

SHORT REPORT OF AVALANCHE INVOLVEMENT

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Avalanche Centre, National Research Council 3650 Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver, B.C. V6S 2L2

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AVALANCHE RESOURCE AGENCIES

OCTOBER 1990

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1. AVALANCHE CONDITIONS, SEARCH AND RESCUE

The following agencies and individuals maintain continuous observations of the snow stability and avalanche hazards in their areas. They are also equipped for search and rescue work.

CANADIAN PARKS SERVICE

Banff National Park

The Chief Warden
Banff National Park
P.O. Box 900
BANFF, ALBERTA TOL OCO

Information concerning avalanche conditions:

Taped message on telephone:	at Banff	403-762-3600
	at Calgary	403-292-6600
Banff Warden Office (open 24	hours per day)	403-762-4506
Lake Louise Warden Office		403-522-3866

Avalanche control offices at:

Sunshine Village	Telephone:	403-762-2693
Lake Louise Temple Research	Telephone:	403-522-3982
Mt. Norquay	Telephone:	403-762-2640

Emergency: 403-762-4506 (same as Banff Warden No.)

Jasper National Park

The Chief Warden Jasper National Park P.O. Box 10 JASPER, ALBERTA TOE 1EO

Warden Office (during office hours) Telephone: 403-852-6155 (24 hrs. - all departments) Telephone: 403-852-6161

Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks

The Superintendent

Mount Revelstoke and Glacier National Parks

P.O. Box 350

REVELSTOKE, B.C. VOE 2SO Telephone: 604-837-5155

Information concerning avalanche conditions:

Taped Message - Revelstoke 604-837-6867

Information Office at Rogers Pass Telephone: 604-837-6274

Search and Rescue:

The Chief Warden, Revelstoke Telephone: 604-837-5155

Warden Office, Rogers Pass Telephone: 604-837-6274

Yoho National Park

The Chief Park Warden

Box 99

FIELD, B.C. VOA 1GO Telephone: 604-343-6324

Kootenay National Park

The Chief Park Warden

Box 220

RADIUM HOT SPRINGS, B.C. VOA 1MO Telephone: 604-347-9361

Waterton Lakes National Park

The Superintendent

Waterton Lakes National Park

WATERTON, ALBERTA TOK 2MO

Attention: Brent Kozachenko

Public Safety Warden

Information concerning avalanche conditions:

Warden office (office hours) Telephone: 403-859-2477

Taped Message Telephone: 403-859-2445 Emergency (24 hours) Telephone: 403-859-2636

Backcountry Avalanche Hazard Forecast for Banff, Jasper, Yoho, Waterton, and Kananaskis Parks, made available by Alberta Avalanche Safety Association.

Taped Message: at Edmonton 403-466-4636

in Alberta outside Edmonton 1-800-772-2434

Kluane National Park

The Chief Park Warden P.O. Box 5495 Haines Junction YUKON YOB 110

Telephone: 403-634-2251

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAYS

Jack Bennetto Manager, Snow Avalanche Programs 940 Blanshard Street

VICTORIA, B.C. V8W 3E6

Telephone: 604-387-6361

Gordon Bonwick Snow Avalanche Programs 940 Blanshard Street VICTORIA, B.C. V8W 3E6

Telephone: 604-387-6361

District Avalanche Technicians:

Scott Aitken #25, 1212 Alpha Lake Rd.

WHISTER, B.C. VOB 1B1 Telephone: 604-932-7285

Ed Campbell Box 579

HOPE, B.C. VOX 1LO Telephone: 604-869-2401

Simon Walker Telephone: 604-378-9359
Bag 4500 (winter only) 604-378-4648
MERRITT, B.C. VOK 2B0 (winter only) 604-378-6449

John Tweedy

Comp. 1, Lakeside Drive Telephone: 604-354-6521

Group Box or 604-354-6689

NELSON, B.C. VIL 6B9 (winter only) 604-428-3270

Bruce Allen

Box 710 Telephone: 604-837-7646

REVELSTOKE, B.C. VOE 2SO or 604-837-7685

Tony Moore P.O. Box 127

STEWART, B.C. VOT 1WO Telephone: 604-636-2625

Snow Avalanche Technicians:

Nic Seaton Snow Avalanche Programs

940 Blanshard Street Telephone: 604-387-6361

VICTORIA, B.C. V8W 3E6 or 604-987-9311

Mike Boissonneault

Snow Avalanche Programs

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Dave Smith Kootenays Region 310 Ward Street

NELSON, B.C. V1L 5S4 Telephone: 604-354-6429

Al Evenchick North West Region 400 - 4546 Park Avenue

Telephone: 604-638-3334 TERRACE, B.C. V8G 1V4

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINISTRY OF PARKS

Parks & Outdoor Recreation East Kootenay District

Box 118

WASA, B.C. VOB 2KO Telephone: 604-422-3212

Parks & Outdoor Recreation West Kootenay District R.R.#3, 4750 Hwy. #3A

NELSON, B.C. V1L 5P6 Telephone: 604-825-4421

Garibaldi/Sunshine District

Box 220

BRACKENDALE, B.C. Telephone: 604-898-3678 VON 1HO

ALBERTA RECREATION AND PARKS

Kananaskis Country Region Box 280 CANMORE, ALBERTA TOL OMO

Lloyd Gallagher - Alpine Specialist, Public Safety Co-ordinator

Telephone: 403-678-5508

George Field - Alpine Specialist Telephone: 403-678-5508 Jock Richardson - Snow Study Observer Telephone: 403-678-5508

Gavin More - Environmental Management

Specialist Telephone: 403-678-5508

Peter Lougheed Provincial Park

(7 days a week - 0800-1630) Telephone: 403-591-7222

Emergency Telephone: 403-591-7444

Bow Valley Provincial Park

(M to F 0800-1630, weekends on call) Telephone: 403-673-3663 Ribbon Creek Emergency Center Telephone: 403-591-7767

Elbow District

(M to F 0800-1630, weekends on call) Telephone: 403-949-3754

Emergency Telephone: 403-932-2211

Telephone:

Avalanche Hazard Forecast

Taped telephone message Telephone: 403-591-7788

SKI AREAS

Brian Leighton Whistler Mountain Ski Corporation

Box 67

WHISTLER, B.C. VON 180 Telephone: 604-932-3434

Skat Peterson

Red Mountain Ski Area

P.O. Box 670

ROSSLAND, B.C. VOG 1YO Telephone: 604-362-7115

Dave Aikens

Fernie Snow Valley Ski Ltd.

Ski Area Road

FERNIE, B.C. VOB 1M1 Main Office 604-423-4655

Niko Weis

Mt. Washington Ski Resort Ltd.

P.O. Box 3069

COURTENAY, B.C. V9N 5N3 Telephone: 604-338-1386

Tom Van Alstine

Whitewater Ski Resort Ltd

Box 60

NELSON, B.C. V1L 5P7 Telephone: 604-354-4944

Wayne Flann Blackcomb Mountain P.O. Box 98 WHISTLER, B.C. VON 1BO

Telephone: 604-932-3141

Peter Amann, Avalanche Forecaster or Ed Robert, Assistant Avalanche Forecaster Marmot Basin Ski Lifts Ltd. P.O. Box 1300

JASPER, ALBERTA TOE 1EO Telephone: 403-852-3816

HELICOPTER AND SNOWCAT SKI OPERATORS

Hans Gmoser, Mark Kingsbury, Kobi Wyss Canadian Mountain Holidays Inc. Box 1660

BANFF, ALBERTA TOL OCO Telephone: 403-762-4531

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Telephone: 604-565-0378

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R-K Heli Ski Panorama BC

P.O. Box 695

INVERMERE, B.C. VOA 1KO Telephone: 604-342-3889

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GOLDEN, B.C. YOA 1HO

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Peter Schlunegger Selkirk-Tangiers Heli-Skiing c/o Box 59 REVELSTOKE, B.C. VOE 2SO

Telephone: 604-837-6161

Allan Drury Selkirk Wilderness Skiing MEADOW CREEK, B.C. VOG 1NO

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Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing P.O. Box 159 BLUE RIVER, B.C. VOE 1JO

Telephone: 604-673-8381

Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing P.O. Box 249 BANFF, ALBERTA TOL OCO

Telephone: 403-762-5548

Tyax Heliski P.O. Box 849

Whistler, B.C. VON 1BO

Telephone: 604-932-7007

Whistler Heliski P.O. Box 368

WHISTLER, B.C. VON 1BO Telephone: 604-932-4105 Fax: 604-932-2578

Kootenay Helicopter Skiing P.O. Box 717

NAKUSP, B.C. VOG 1RO

Telephone: 604-265-3121

MINING COMPANIES

Crows Nest Resources Ltd. Line Creek Mine (Upper Elk Valley) P.O. Box 2003

SPARWOOD, B.C. VOB 2GO

Telephone: 604-425-2555

(24 hours)

Attention: Rick Schroeder Telephone: 604-423-6306

2. SEARCH AND RESCUE

The following agencies and individuals can assist in search and rescue work.

DOGS FOR AVALANCHE SEARCH - PARKS CANADA

Dog Handlers:

Dale Portman Telephone: 403-852-6156 (Bus)

Jasper National Park 403-852-5071 (Res)

JASPER, ALBERTA TOE 1EO (After 1630): 403-852-6162 (Pager)

Gordon Peyto

Glacier National Park Telephone: 604-837-6274 (Bus)

REVELSTOKE, B.C. VOE 2SO 604-344-5041 (Res)

Scott Ward

Banff National Park Telephone: 403-762-4506 (24 hrs)

BANFF, ALBERTA TOL OCO 403-678-5554 (Res)

DOGS FOR AVALANCHE SEARCH - R.C.M.P.

The following dogmasters and and their dogs have received special avalanche training:

- Chilliwack Sub/Division

Cpl. T. M. Barter (Terry) Telephone: 604-792-4611

- <u>Courtenay Sub/Division</u>

Cpl. J. G. Brewin (Jim) Telephone: 604-338-7421

- Cranbrook Detachment

Cpl. G. H. Burns (Gordon) Telephone:

Emergency 604-426-8422 Non-emerg 604-489-3471

- Fort St. John Detachment

Cst. A. G. Soneff (AI) Telephone: 604-785-6617

- <u>Kamloops Sub/Division</u>

Cpl. W. T. Murphy (Wayne) Telephone: 604-828-3000

Emergency 604-372-1521 Non-emerg 604-828-3098

- Nelson Detachment

Cpl. C. H. Brandt (Cec) Telephone: 604-354-4104

- Prince George Sub/Division

Cst. B. J. McLellan (Bruce) Telephone: 604-562-3371

- <u>Terrace Detachment</u>

Cpl. L. Bretfeld (Lothar) Telephone: 604-638-0333

- Vernon Detachment

Cpl. R. T. Boal (Tim) Telephone: 604-545-7171

The following Detachments will take information and pass it on to the Alberta Provincial Parks:

R.C.M.P., Kananaskis Telephone: 403-591-7707

R.C.M.P., Canmore Telephone: 403-678-5516

R.C.M.P., Banff Telephone: 403-762-2226

DOGS FOR AVALANCHE SEARCH - B.C. PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY PROGRAM

Russ Hendry Telephone: 604-342-4225 (Bus)

INVERMERE, B.C. 604-347-6575 (Res)

Anton Horvath Telephone: 604-932-3434 (Bus)

WHISTLER, B.C. 604-932-1110 (Res)

Tim Quinn Telephone: 604-673-8273 (Res)

BLUE RIVER, B.C.

Yvonne Thornton Telephone: 604-932-3434

WHISTLER, B.C. Loc. 338 (Bus) 604-932-5196 (Res)

Bruce Watt Telephone: 604-932-2300 (Bus)

PEMBERTON, B.C. 604-894-6262 (Res)

Vancouver# 604-687-4222

Doug Fenton Telephone: 604-979-6628 (Pager)

MAPLE RIDGE, B.C. 604-467-0393 (Res)

CANADIAN AVALANCHE RESCUE DOG ASSOCIATION

Rod Pendlebury Secretary-Treasurer 25153-124th Avenue MAPLE RIDGE, BC

V2X 4K6

Telephone: 604-979-6628 (Pager)

604-423-7932 (Res)

Pat Coulter WHISTLER, BC

Telephone: 604-932-3434 (Bus)

604-932-5068 (Res)

PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY PROGRAM (Ministry of Solicitor General)

The British Columbia Provincial Emergency Program co-ordinates most local search and rescue groups in the Province. Enquiries can be directed to:

Dave Brewer Provincial Co-ordinator Search and Rescue Provincial Emergency Program 1257 Lucking Place NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C. V7J 3L5

Telephone: 604-984-4915

John Oakley, Manager Ministry Program, Solicitor General Provincial Emergency Program 207-815 Hornby Street VANCOUVER, B.C. V6Z 2E6

Telephone: 604-660-3725

EMERGENCY TOLL-FREE

Provincial Government Emergency Operations Center

Telephone: 1-800-663-3456

(24 hours)

Zone Managers are located at:

Victoria Zone Mr. N. Coward 3287 Oak Street

VICTORIA, B.C. V8X 1P8

Telephone: 604-387-5956

Vancouver Zone Mr. J. Oakley (John)

207 - 815 Hornby Street VANCOUVER, B.C. V6Z 2E6

Telephone: 604-660-3723

or 604-660-3725

Chilliwack Zone

Mr. F. Clegg (Frank) - Before January, 1991 Mr. P. Harkness (Pat) - After January, 1991

403 - 9200 Mary Street

CHILLIWACK, B.C. V2P 4H6 Telephone: 604-795-6408

Kelowna Zone

S. Patch

1917 Tenth Road

KELOWNA, B.C. V1Y 7S6

Telephone: 604-861-7328

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Nelson Zone

G. Hartley

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TERRACE, B.C. V8G 4R3 Telephone: 604-638-3514

Courtenay Zone

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368B 11th Street

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3. EDUCATION

Canadian Avalanche Association Training Schools

Box 2759

REVELSTOKE, B.C. VOE 2SO

Telephone: 604-837-2435

Courses for professional personnel

Federation of Mountain Clubs of British Columbia

336 - 1367 W. Broadway

VANCOUVER, B.C. V6H 4A9 Telephone: 604-737-3053

Awareness courses: a) Avalanche Safety 1 (Introduction)

b) Avalanche Safety 2 (Refresher)

Basic Avalanche Safety Manual

Canadian Ski Patrol System

T. Simper

National Avalanche Training Officer

RR2 Okotoks, Box 1117

OKOTOKS, ALBERTA TOL 1TO Telephone: 403-938-2101 (Bus)

403-938-2131 (Res)

Alberta Avalanche Safety Association

Jack de Bruyn

8711-62nd Street

EDMONTON, ALBERTA T6B 1N5 Telephone: 403-466-6485

Backcountry Avalanche Forecast

Information Reports Telephone: 403-466-4636

(Alta. only) 1-800-772-2434

Nordic Ski Institute

Box 1050

CANMORE, ALBERTA TOL 0MO Telephone: 403-678-4102

Awareness courses.

Ptarmigan Tours

Box 11

KIMBERLEY, B.C. V1A 2Y5 Telephone: 604-422-3270

604-427-2838

Awareness courses.

National Research Council Avalanche Research Centre

Peter Schaerer Dave McClung

3650 Wesbrook Mall

Vancouver, BC V6S 2L2 Telephone: 604-666-6741

604-666-8046

Research and University Education

AVALANCHE FILMS AND VIDEOS

Avalanche - 50 minutes

Ministry of Health Audio-Visual Library 1515 Blanshard Street VICTORIA, B.C. V8W 3C8

Telephone: 604-387-6468

The Snow War - 25 minutes

National Film Board Library 100 - 1045 Howe Street VANCOUVER, B.C. V6Z 2B1

Telephone: 604-666-0716 1-800-661-9867

<u>Avalanche</u> - 12 minutes (Video)

Kananaskis Country Recreation and Parks Box 280

CANMORE, ALBERTA TOL OMO Telephone: 403-678-5508

<u>Avalanche Terrain</u> - 9 minutes (Video) <u>Snow Profile Observation</u> - 8 minutes (Video)

> Canadian Avalanche Association 3650 Wesbrook Mall VANCOUVER, B.C. V6S 2L2

Telephone: 604-666-6741

4. WEATHER OFFICES

Atmospheric Environment Service

P. Pender Regional Director General 1200 West 73rd Avenue VANCOUVER, B.C. V6P 6H9

Telephone: 604-664-9190

G.E. Wells Pacific Weather Centre 1200 West 73rd Avenue VANCOUVER, B.C. V6P 6H9

Telephone: 604-664-9000

E. Coatta Climate Information 700-1200 West 73rd Avenue VANCOUVER, B.C. V6P 6H9

Telephone: 604-664-9156

The Regional Director Atmospheric Environment Service Rm. #240, 4999-98th Avenue Edmonton, ALBERTA T6B 2X3

Telephone: 403-495-3143

LIST OF WEATHER OFFICES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

LOCATION		TELEPHONE (604)	OPEN HOURS (local time)
Castlegar		365-3131	0630-1600
Fort Melson	Tape	774-2302 774-6461 (With voice instr for tape or fax	
Fort St. John		785-6322 785-4304	0700-1500 1500-1700
Kamloops	Таре	376-0727 376-3044	0630-1700
Ke1owna	Tape Tape	765-6598 765-1881 (Mtn. Fost.) 765-4027	0445-0015 Seasonal
Pacific Weather Centre	•	664-9053	24 hours
Penticton		492-0539	0700-1700 (M-F) 0800-1600 (S&S)
Port Hardy		949~6559	0715-1715
Prince George	Tape	963-7710, Office 963-7552, Office 963-9330	0215-0515 0515-2115
Terrace		635-3224	0710-1710
Vancouver	Tape Tape	664-9032/33 664-9021 (Mtn. Fcst.) 664-9010 (Public Fcst.)	24 hours
Victoria	Tape	356-6629/6630 656-3978	24 hours

(The Pacific Weather Centre is the main contact during hours when the local weather offices are closed. Unless otherwise indicated, all taped messages are for a general forecast.)

LIST OF WEATHER OFFICES OUTSIDE BRITISH COLUMBIA

BANFF, ALBERTA Tape 403-762-2088 0600-1700

CALGARY WEATHER OFFICE Tape 403-275-3300

678-4916

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