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Tumbler Ridge, BC

On January 18th, 2009 at approximately 2:15 in the afternoon, members of local Search and Rescue, Tumbler Ridge RCMP and an Avalanche Technician out of Prince George flew up to the site of the slide to recover the body of the deceased sledder. Due to the extreme terrain, avalanche risk and oncoming darkness yesterday, it was decided by those on scene that they would make their way out of the area and head back to their staging area.

PEP organized a helicopter out of Prince George to fly up to the area of the incident and retrieve the body of the deceased. The avalanche technician determined that it was relatively safe for the helicopter to land near where the incident occurred.

The body of a 30 year old male from Hythe Alberta, was retrieved, then was taken to the Tumbler Ridge Medical Clinic. The British Columbia Coroners Service will be investigating the incident. At this time the name of the sledder is not being released as the Coroners investigation is ongoing.

Please contact Sgt. K. RENDER at the Tumbler Ridge Detachment between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm on January 19th, 2009 if further information is needed.

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