



Media Release

March 7th Avalanche Incident

Saturday, March 7th 2009 Golden BC . . . On Saturday, March 7th at approximately 2:30pm an avalanche took place in a permanent avalanche closure within the Controlled Recreation Area of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. The avalanche was triggered by two skiers, in a party of four. These two skiers were caught and buried in this avalanche.

Kicking Horse Mountain Resort Safety Personnel, in collaboration with Golden and District Search & Rescue and the RCMP immediately initiated a search. Both skiers were located and recovered within 22 minutes of the report. Once recovered, both skiers were flown by helicopter to Golden & District Hospital and pronounced dead. Names of the deceased are not being released until the RCMP contact the next of kin.

Kicking Horse Mountain Resort expresses its sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of those involved.

This is an unfortunate event, but it needs to be stressed that these skiers entered a permanent avalanche closure. The area is roped with explicit signage indicating the avalanche closure.

The RCMP is in the process of conducting a full investigation in collaboration with Kicking Horse Mountain Resort. For further information, please contact the RCMP direct at 250-344-2221.

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