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On January 17, 2009 at approximately 2:30 PM, a group of six snowmobilers were in the area of the "Back Meadows" on Babcock Mountain when the side hill they were on broke free. One of their group had been highmarking at the time of the slide. The rest of the group was at the bottom of the hill, off to one side and were not taken by the slide. The lone male was buried by the slide and was not located prior to him perishing. The male was eventually located with the assistance of other snowmobilers who had been in the area. The other five members of the group were able to get out of the area without injury following the incident. At this time no names are being released prior to family being notified.

Further releases will be sent out as more information is obtained.

Tumbler Ridge RCMP wants to remind the public to be aware of the avalanche rating for the area that they are in. Also to ensure that you are fully prepared to be in the mountains sledding. This includes taking the needed equipment, ie: probe pole, shovel and locator beacon.

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