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## **Clearwater - Man dies in an avalanche near Blue River \* Update\***

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A 45-year-old male from Edmonton died in an avalanche near Blue River March 27 while snowmobiling.

Three males from Edmonton were snowmobiling in the Harley Heaven area, 15 km northwest of Blue River around 2:00 p.m. when the avalanche came down. The male was buried but the other two managed to dig him out. He was unresponsive and they preformed CPR for almost an hour without success.

Clearwater RCMP, BC Ambulance and the BC Coroners service were contacted and attended the scene around 7:00 p.m. by helicopter. But due to safety concerns the helicopter was unable to land.

This morning an RCMP helicopter from Kamloops will fly in with emergency personal and an avalanche technician to assess the risk.

The male has been identified as Ron Falls of Alcomdale, Alberta.

Blue River is located on Hwy 5 (Yellowhead Hwy), 240 km north of Kamloops.

Persons using the back country are reminded the avalanche hazard at this time is very high and should use extra precaution.

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