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## Fatal Avalanche near Blue River

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On March 14th, 2014 at approximately 7:20 pm the Clearwater RCMP received a report of a buried snowmobiler in the back of Red Sand Mountain north of Blue River, B.C.

RCMP were advised that a group of snowmobilers went into the back bowl of Red Sands Mountain at which time an avalanche occurred, burying two people. The group raced to the location to dig them out and immediately found one person. The second male, a 36 year old male from Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, was located but unfortunately succumbed to his injuries and died at the scene.

Clearwater Search and Rescue and the BC Coroner were unable to enter the site that night due to the high avalanche risk.

The BC Coroner along with 2 Avalanche Technicians and Clearwater SAR were flown to the scene by helicopter this morning.

The BC Coroner's Office has taken jurisdiction of this tragic incident and all media calls will be forwarded to their office. Please call (250) 356-9253 for any media inquiries.

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