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Fernie: Rescuers flew over the avalanche zone at first light this morning and dropped handheld avalanche bombs onto the slope to stabilize it and prevent further avalanche activity. Currently 15 trained volunteer searchers are en-route to the site by helicopter and snow cat to begin the search for survivors. The searchers are assisted by two RCMP police dogs and handlers trained in avalanche rescue operations.

A news conference will be held at 12:00 local time (11:00 AM Vancouver time) at the Fernie Chamber of Commerce. Cpl. Andy Veltmeyer from the Elk Valley RCMP Detachment will be giving an update on the progress of the search.

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