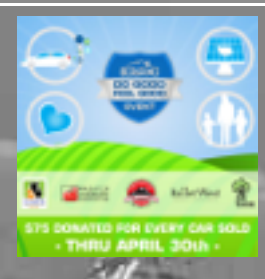




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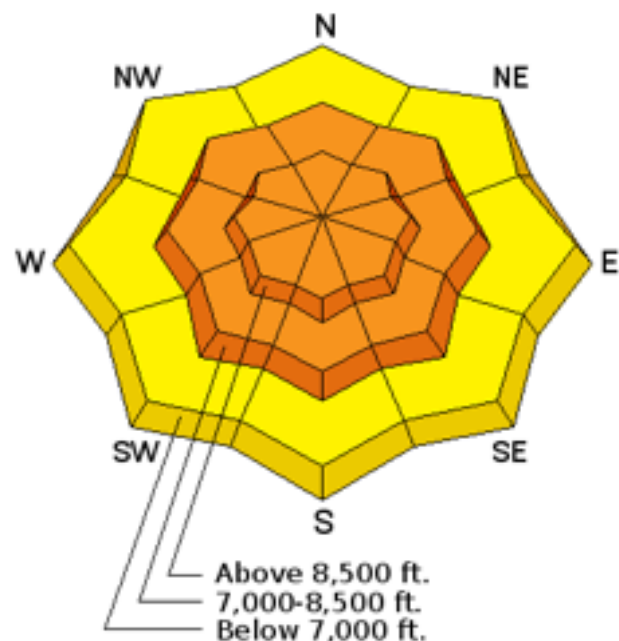
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ADVISORY: OGDEN AREA MOUNTAINS

Issued by Evelyn Lees for Tuesday - March 3, 2015 - 7:06am



BOTTOM LINE

The avalanche danger is **CONSIDERABLE** on all slopes approaching 35 degrees and steeper. **Human triggered avalanche are likely. Natural avalanches are possible**, especially during periods of intense snowfall and wind. New snow soft slabs and sluffs will be widespread, and a few slides on the more northerly facing slopes may step down into a deeper weak layer, resulting in a large dangerous slide. Avoid travel on and below steep slopes today.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Avalanche Warning continues for mountains of southwest Utah, where the snow pack will be slow to stabilize.

Backcountry Film Festival at Brewvies, Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00pm: Join us for an evening of nine unique films aimed to inspire winter adventurers to seek the snow less traveled and a killer raffle all while raising funds for the winter human powered experience. This is a benefit for Wasatch Backcountry Alliance and the Utah Avalanche Center *Brewvies is 21+. [DETAILS HERE](#)

Utah Adventure Journal Snowbird Speaker Series, 6pm Mar 5 at the Wildflower Lounge: The Utah Avalanche Center will be joining the Utah Adventure Journal and friends of Jim Harris, photographer, writer, artist, avalanche observer and instructor in an evening of photos and presentations from Andrew McLean, Kalen Thorien, Noah Howell, Forest McCarthy, and Brendan Leonard. All proceeds will go towards helping to cover Jim's medical & rehab expenses following a kiting accident in Chile.

Join us at Brighton Mar 7 & 8 for Vertfest! Clinics include Companion Rescue, Terrain Selection, Steep Skiing, and Mountaineering for skiers/split-boarders, both open and women-only. There will also be gear demos and the Wasatch Powder Keg ski mountaineering race, all to benefit the Utah Avalanche Center. [More info here.](#)



CURRENT CONDITIONS

The final piece of a multipart storm will cross northern Utah this morning. It is already snowing in the mountains, and the cold front should arrive by late morning. 24-hour storm totals are about 9 inches in the Ogden area mountains, and around a foot in the Park City, Provo and Salt Lake area mountains.


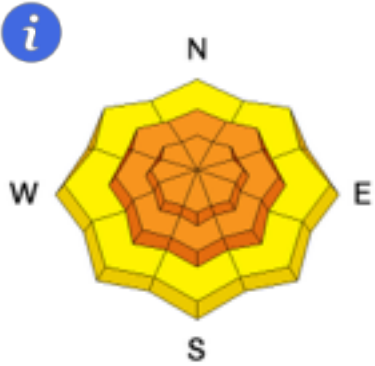
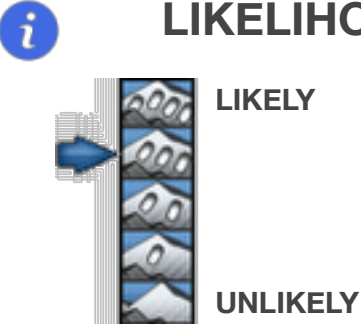
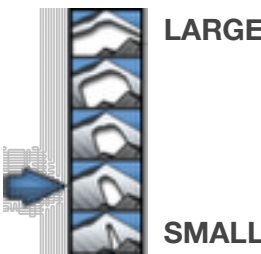
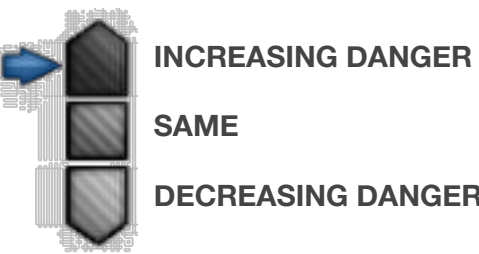
Temperatures are in the teens and 20s in the Ogden area mountains. The winds are still from the west to southwest, generally in the 10 to 15 mph, with gusts in the 20s. Average speeds across the highest peaks are closer to 25 mph.



RECENT ACTIVITY

Yesterday, small loose snow sluffs and a few soft slabs were triggered on steep slopes in the Ogden area mountains, especially on wind exposed ridge lines.

AVALANCHE PROBLEM 1


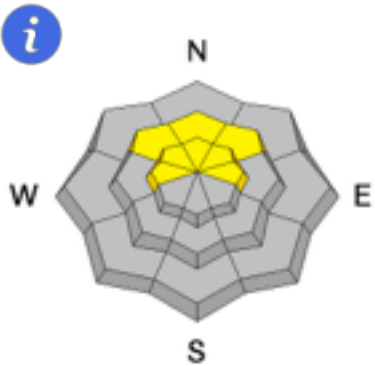
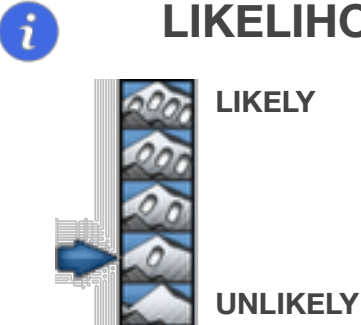
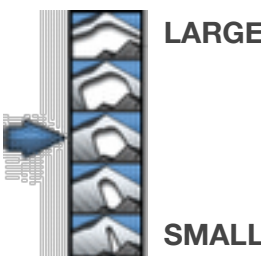
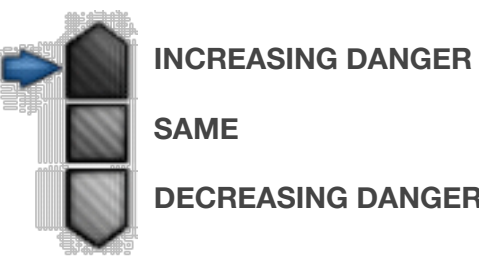
TYPE	ASPECT/ELEVATION	CHARACTERISTICS		
 <p>STORM SNOW</p>		 <p>LIKELIHOOD</p>	 <p>SIZE</p>	 <p>TREND</p>

DESCRIPTION

Both new snow soft slabs and sluffs will be easy to trigger today on all aspects all the way around the compass, especially in wind affected terrain. They will be especially long running on slopes with icy or hard bed surfaces beneath them.

The avalanche danger will spike during and right after frontal passage, estimated to be late morning. Heavy snowfall rates of 2" per hour, and increased wind speeds will make snow unstable. This will be the most likely time for natural avalanches to occur today. So avoid travel on and below steep slopes.

AVALANCHE PROBLEM 2

TYPE	ASPECT/ELEVATION	CHARACTERISTICS		
 <p>PERSISTENT SLAB</p>		 <p>LIKELIHOOD</p>	 <p>SIZE</p>	 <p>TREND</p>

DESCRIPTION

Larger, more dangerous avalanches are possible today, if a slide breaks into a more deeply buried layer of faceted snow. (This layer of near surface facets and recrystallized grauple was buried on Feb 20, and was already covered by 1 to 2 feet of snow from several small storms). These slab avalanches could be 2 to 3 feet deep, and triggered by a person or a smaller new snow slide. These slides can be triggered remotely from a distance. This weak layer is most widespread on upper elevation northeast, north and northwest facing slopes.



WEATHER

The final front is crossing the lake, and should arrive between 9 am and noon. A band of heavy snowfall, up to 2 inches an hour, and a period of increased wind speeds will occur. An additional 4 to 8 inches of snow is possible today in the Ogden area mountains. Winds will shift to the northwest late this morning, and settle into the 10 to 20 mph range, with gust to 30. The highest peaks will have gusts in the 40s at times. Temperatures will fall into the single digits along the high ridge lines. The storm will wrap up by early this evening, with only a few lingering snow flurries tonight, before partial clearing. Temperatures will drop to near zero. Then high pressure will take control, with sunny skies and a gradual warming through next weekend.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember your information can save lives. If you see anything we should know about, please participate in the creation of our own community avalanche advisory by [submitting snow and avalanche conditions](#). You can also call us at [801-524-5304](tel:801-524-5304), email by clicking [HERE](#), or include #utavy in your tweet or Instagram.

If you trigger an avalanche in the backcountry - especially if you are adjacent to a ski area - please call the following teams to alert them to the slide and

whether anyone is missing or not. Rescue teams can be exposed to significant hazard when responding to avalanches, and do not want to do so when unneeded. Thanks.

Salt Lake and Park City – Alta Central ([801-742-2033](tel:801-742-2033)), Canyons Resort Dispatch ([435-615-3322](tel:435-615-3322))

Snowbasin Resort Dispatch ([801-620-1017](tel:801-620-1017)), Powder Mountain Dispatch ([801-745-3772](tel:801-745-3772) x 123).

Sundance Dispatch ([801-223-4150](tel:801-223-4150))

EMAIL ADVISORY If you would like to get the daily advisory by email you will [need to subscribe here](#).

DAWN PATROL Hotline updated daily by 5-530am - [888-999-4019](tel:888-999-4019) option 8.

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Utah Avalanche Center mobile app - Get your advisory on your iPhone along with great navigation and rescue tools.

Wasatch Powderbird Guides [Blog/Itinerary](#) for the Day.

Lost or Found something in the backcountry? - <http://nolof.com/>

Ski Utah mobile snow updates

Discount lift tickets are now available at [Backcountry.com](#). Thanks to Ski Utah and the Utah Resorts. All proceeds go towards paying for Utah Avalanche Center avalanche and mountain weather advisories.

To those skinning uphill at resorts: it is your responsibility to know the resort policy on uphill travel. You can see the uphill travel policy for [each resort here](#). IMPORTANT: Before skinning or hiking at a resort under new snow conditions, check in with Ski Patrol. Resorts can restrict or cut off access if incompatible with control and grooming operations.

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This information does not apply to developed ski areas or highways where avalanche control is normally done. This advisory is from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, which is solely responsible for its content. This advisory describes general avalanche conditions and local variations always exist.

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