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COMMUNITY AVALANCHE AWARENESS EVENING

KALISPELL, MT – The public is invited to join the Flathead Avalanche Center (FAC) and the newly formed Friends of the Flathead Avalanche Center (FOFAC) for avalanche related discussions followed by an opportunity to socialize with other winter backcountry enthusiasts.

The gathering is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2014 at the Moose Lodge in Whitefish located at 230 10th Street West, Whitefish, Montana. The phone number at the lodge is (406) 862-2669. The program portion of the evening will run from 6:30 Pm to 8:00 PM continuing with the socializing opportunity from 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Program Presenters:

- ***“What’s new with FAC?”*** - Erich Peitzsch, FAC Director - 2013/2014 seasonal snowpack summary, events overview, and spring expectations
- ***“The Merits of Avalanche Risk Assessment”*** - Ted Steiner, BNSF Avalanche Safety Program
- ***“We are the Friends of the Flathead Avalanche Center”*** – A member of the organizing team of the newly formed “Friends” group.

For additional information please visit the FAC website at <http://www.flatheadavalanche.org/education/> or contact Becky Smith-Powell, Recreation Program Manager at (406) 758-3538

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