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Northwest Montana Early Season Backcountry Snow and Avalanche Advisories- Free Presentation

The Flathead National Forest in partnership with Glacier Country Avalanche Center is sponsoring a free presentation about early-season backcountry snow and avalanche conditions in Northwest Montana on Tuesday, December 14, 6:30-9:30pm at the Flathead National Forest Office in Kalispell, 650 Wolfpack Way.

This presentation will focus on the weather in Northwest Montana, including typical weather patterns, websites that display current mountain weather conditions and forecasts, and how to interpret the data and forecasts. A discussion regarding the fall and early winter weather to date, and how these conditions have affected snow and avalanche conditions will also be held.

Avalanche advisories will be discussed, including how the advisory is formulated and how the public avalanche danger scale has changed this year across all of North America.

The session will be an open discussion with an emphasis on a question-and-answer format. The session is free and open to all. There is no registration. Please call the Flathead National Forest at 758-5284 or visit www.glacieravalanche.org for more information.

Avalanche Advisories for Northwest Montana Underway

The Flathead National Forest issues avalanche advisories for Northwest Montana throughout the winter, beginning the first Friday in December or as weather conditions warrant. Advisories are issued once a week, on Friday mornings, until the third week in December when they are issued Tuesday and Friday mornings until April. Advisories include information about snowpack conditions, weather forecasts, and hazard evaluations. Visit www.glacieravalanche.org or call 406-257-8402 for these advisories. Anyone traveling in the backcountry will always need to make their own time and site specific avalanche hazard evaluations.

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