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Free Avalanche Awareness Multi-Day Session for Snowmobilers

The Flathead National Forest, in partnership with Glacier Country Avalanche Center, is hosting a free avalanche awareness multi-day session for snowmobilers. The session includes four evening lectures and two Saturday field workshops. The evening sessions will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, January 24, 26 and 31, and February 2, from 6:30-9:30pm, at the Forest Service Office in Kalispell, 650 Wolf pack Way. The field workshops will be Saturdays, January 29 and February 5.

The program will include information about avalanche terrain, mountain weather and snowpack, stability evaluation and decision making, and avalanche rescue. The session will be led by Forest Service Avalanche Specialist Stan Bones.

Bones encourages participants to attend all sessions to gain maximum benefit. Registration is not required for the workshop, but participants are encouraged to visit www.glacieravalanche.org for more information or to contact Bones in the evening at 837-6022.

REMINDER:

The Flathead National Forest issues avalanche advisories for Northwest Montana throughout the winter. Advisories are issued twice a week, on Tuesday and Friday mornings. 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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