



Flathead National Forest

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Avalanche Awareness Day- Sunday January 27

The Flathead National Forest and Glacier Country Avalanche Center, in partnership with Whitefish Mountain Resort, are hosting an Avalanche Awareness Day on Sunday, January 27, 11am- 3pm, at the summit of Whitefish Mountain Resort, Whitefish, Montana. The annual event is an opportunity to learn about avalanche dangers, safety equipment, search and rescue techniques, and snow science.

Avalanche safety equipment, information and video displays will be available in the lower level of the Summit House at the Summit Nature Center. Demonstration stations outside the Summit House will showcase equipment and allow participants some hands-on experience with rescue gear including search beacons, probes and shovels. A snow pit will also be dug to provide additional awareness about determining snow conditions. Avalanche and winter backcountry specialists will assist with equipment and techniques.

Flathead National Forest and Glacier Country Avalanche Center (GCAC) work cooperatively to provide education and information about snow and avalanches, including clinics and courses to build skills for informed and safe recreation in the backcountry.

Several upcoming avalanche awareness classes are scheduled in the Flathead Valley. Please visit www.glacieravalanche.org for more information or call 758-5295.

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