



## IDAHO PANHANDLE AVALANCHE CENTER

# Preliminary Avalanche Accident Report: Stevens Peak, Idaho Panhandle National Forest

Report date / time: 01/12/24, 11:00AM

### Accident Summary:

**Time:** 01/11/24, 14:53 hours

**Location:** Shoshone County, Idaho, Near Stevens Peak, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, 47.45367, -115.76502

**Activity:** Skiing

**Involved:** 3 (survivors Injuries and avalanche involvement unknown at this time)

**Killed:** 1

### Preliminary Accident Narrative:

Provided by Idaho Shoshone County Sherriff's office.

On January 11, 2024, at approximately 1453 hours, Law Enforcement received a Garmin GPS alert of a possible fatality near Steven's Peak, in Shoshone County, Idaho. The Shoshone County Sheriff's Office organized a rescue effort to retrieve three males that were believed to have been caught in an avalanche near Steven's Peak. The Shoshone County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the United States Air Force, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, Silver Valley Search and Rescue, and the Silver Mountain Ski Patrol. We were able to establish communications with two of the individuals through a GPS texting device. Through this communication we were able to locate two of the three males and started a targeted search near their last known location. We located the two males and we were able to bring them back to retrieve medical care. While debriefing the two males, we received information causing us to believe the third male was deceased at the site of the avalanche. Due to this information, we have concluded our search efforts for the safety of all those involved for this evening. We will be conducting a retrieval mission for the third male in the morning of January 12, 2024. We are not releasing the names of the individuals at this time.

U.S.F.S. Idaho Panhandle Avalanche Center will conduct a full investigation and report as soon as possible.

