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KNOW WHAT TYPE OF TERRAIN YOU ARE HEADING INTO

FIND THE AVALANCHE TERRAIN RATINGS

- WARNING -
FATAL GLACIER ACCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS REGION!

Glacier hazards including dangerous hidden crevasses and active icefalls exist in areas that are indicated on the map. Travel on glaciers is only recommended if you have experience in glacier travel, and are carrying specialized rescue equipment (as well as have the skills and background to use it).

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BE AWARE OF THE CURRENT AVALANCHE CONDITIONS

CHECK YOUR ROUTE PLANNING DECISIONS

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   Recreationists with only basic training and little or no experience may be exposed to greater risk due to the uncertainty they will face in assessing conditions. Talk to a local avalanche expert or make conservative decisions.

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2. Use the score card below to calculate the avalanche conditions and terrain characteristics for your route.

3. Plot the resulting scores in this matrix to test your route planning decision.

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- FATAL GLACIER ACCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS REGION!

Exposure to low angle or primarily forested terrain. Some forest openings may involve the runout zones of infrequent avalanches. Many options to reduce or eliminate exposure.

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Are you prepared?
☐ Have you told a responsible person your trip plans?
☐ Is everyone in your group properly dressed and equipped with a transceiver, probe and shovel?
☐ Do you have any backcountry knowledge or avalanche awareness training?
☐ For more information go to: www.yukonavalanche.ca

Emergencies
There is no cell phone coverage in the Haines Pass area. Satellite phone coverage can be adversely affected by vegetation and topography in some locations. The closest telephone is at Canada or US Customs near Pleasant Camp.

The funds to create this sign have been donated as a memorial to Lennie Watkins by his loving friends and family. They hope their support will help other sledders stay safe in the backcountry.