



Self-Guided Group Involved in Avalanche near Golden, BC

Golden, B.C., February 22nd, 2016 - Seven, self-guided skiers were injured at approximately 11:00 a.m., MST on Sunday February 21st, when they were involved in an avalanche while skiing in the Esplanade Range approximately 50km Northwest of Golden, B.C

The injured skiers were part of a larger group staying at Sunrise Lodge. The group of experienced skiers, were on a slope close to the lodge when the avalanche occurred near tree line.

The injured skiers were evacuated by helicopter and taken to Golden and District General Hospital. Two skiers were reported to have serious injuries. One person from that group was subsequently sent to the Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops and another was sent to hospital in Calgary.

More information regarding the incident will be released by the RCMP. The RCMP has scheduled a press conference today at 14:30 MST in Golden, BC.

For further information contact:

Brad Harrison
Executive Director
Backcountry Lodges of BC Association (BLBCA)
www.backcountrylodgesofbc.com
250-819-9774

About BLBCA:

The Backcountry Lodges of BC Association is made up of 29 independent lodge operators throughout British Columbia. Guests may choose to either use our lodges as accommodation and to self-guide their backcountry experience, or they may choose to hire the lodges' ACMG certified guides. The BLBCA has a key focus on safety to mitigate the inherent risk associated with backcountry adventure. BLBCA members are actively involved in avalanche safety, regularly providing Avalanche Skills Training and supporting avalanche research such as University of Calgary's ASARC program. Avalanche Canada's Avalanche Skills Training Level 1 and Level 2 courses are available at a number of BLBCA affiliated operations.

For more information about the BLBCA, visit <http://backcountrylodgesofbc.com>