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Utah Snow and Avalanche Workshop General Session Day 3

Nov. 11, 2021; 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Decision-making and human interaction with a deceptively tricky snowpack.

18:00-18:05: Welcome. *Craig Gordon, Utah Avalanche Center*

18:20-18:30: The Deadliest Avalanche Season. An intersection between an unstable snowpack and a global pandemic. This talk summarizes the 2020/21 avalanche season, a winter with a record number of fatalities and exploding backcountry use. *Karl Birkland, National Avalanche Center*

18:35-18:55: The Avalanche Bulletin Quiz Project. Testing your knowledge of the avalanche conditions the easy way. *Paul Diegel Utah Avalanche Center and Kevin Grove, Central Oregon Avalanche Center and Central Oregon Community College.*

19:00- 19:20: Rider Uniter Program. Integrating technology, numbers, headcounts, and messaging. *Travis Morrison PhD, University of Utah, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, Francine Mullen and Craig Gordon, Utah Avalanche Center*

19:25-19:45: Exploring Decision-Making. The influence of intuition, systems, and tools on our behavior in the backcountry. *Don Carpenter, American Avalanche Institute*

19:50-20:20: The Rolling Thunder Redux. Lessons learned from Bob Dylan's '75 tour, musings with Joan Baez, and how an early season crust conspired with a persistent weak layer, throwing a uniform structural curveball into the setlist. *Craig Gordon, Utah Avalanche Center*

20:20- 20:25: Presentation from American Avalanche Association

20:25-20:30: Closing Remarks and Reflections. *Craig Gordon, Utah Avalanche Center*

20:30-20:50: Winter in Review Video

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