



26th National Avalanche School
Classroom Session
Embassy Suite, S. Jordan, UT
October 20-24, 2019

Proposed Agenda (as of 9/3/19)

Sunday, 10/20

1:00 – 7:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Hotel Lobby
7:00 – 7:50 pm	Introduction & Welcome An Operational Case Study <i>Mike Ferrari</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
7:50 – 8:30 pm	Recent Advances in Our Scientific Understanding of Avalanches: Merging Theory & Practice <i>Karl Birkeland</i>	
8:30 – 9:45 pm	Meet & Greet Reception	Sego Lily Foyer

Monday, 10/21

8:00 – 8:30 am	Announcements The Avalanche Hazard Conceptual Model <i>Bruce Tremper</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
8:30 – 9:15 am	Mountain Snowpack – Part 1 <i>Ethan Greene</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
9:15 – 9:30 am	Break	Sego Lily Foyer
9:30 – 10:00 am	Mountain Snowpack – Part 2 <i>Ethan Greene</i>	
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break (move to workshops)	
10:15 – 11:45 am	Workshop – Mountain Snowpack	Various Rooms
11:45 – 12:45 pm	Lunch (on own)	
12:45 – 1:45 pm	Avalanche Formation & Release <i>Karl Birkeland</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
1:45 – 2:00 pm	Break	Sego Lily Foyer
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Snow Profiles, Stability Tests & Interpretation <i>Doug Chabot</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Expectations of a Snow Safety Director <i>Dave Richards</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Break (move to workshop)	Various Rooms
3:45 – 5:00 pm	Workshop – Drafting & Interpreting Snowpit Profiles	

Tuesday, 10/22

8:00 – 8:45 am	Announcements Mountain Weather Impacts on Snowpack <i>Mark Staples</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
8:45 – 9:30 am	Weather Data Collection & Display <i>Mike Rheam</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
9:30 – 9:45 am	Break (move to workshop)	
9:45 – 11:30 am	Workshop – Basic Weather Calculations (45 min) Workshop – Avalanche Release Exercise (1 hr)	Various Rooms
11:30 – 12:30 pm	Lunch (on own)	
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Avalanche Hazard Evaluation–Practical Applications <i>Bruce Tremper</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom

Tuesday, 10/22

1:30 – 1:45 pm	Break	Sego Lily Foyer
1:45 – 2:45 pm	Decision Making for Avalanche Professionals <i>Scott Savage</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
2:45 – 3:30 pm	Where Professionals Make Mistakes <i>Chris McCollister</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Break (move to workshop)	
3:45 – 5:15 pm	Workshop – Avalanche Hazard Evaluation	Various Rooms
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Optional Session: Clarification & Review <i>Karl Birkeland & Mike Ferrari</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom

Wednesday, 10/23

8:00 – 9:00 am	Announcements Explosives & the Snowpack <i>Scott Savage</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
9:00 – 9:10 am	Break	Sego Lily Foyer
9:10 – 10:00 am	Avalanche Protection Fundamentals <i>Paul Baugher</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
10:00 – 10:10 am	Break	
10:10 – 11:10 am	Ski Area Operations <i>Paul Baugher</i>	
11:10 – 11:20 am	Break (move to workshop)	
11:20 – 12:30 pm	Workshop – Operational Avalanche Programs	Various Rooms
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch (on own)	
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Operational Avalanche Rescue <i>Lel Tone</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Break (move to workshop)	
2:45 – 3:30 pm	WRITTEN QUIZ – Final Exam Part 1 Mountain Snowpack, Avalanche Release	Various Rooms
3:30 – 4:00 pm	POST QUIZ – REVIEW OF ANSWERS	
4:00 – 4:45 pm	2018-2019 Review: Colorado's Historic Avalanche Season <i>Ethan Greene</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
4:45 – 5:15 pm	My Life as a Forecaster and Heli-Ski Guide <i>Lel Tone</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
5:15 – 5:30 pm	US Forest Service <i>Sean Wetterberg & Mark Staples</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Trade Show Reception	Sego Lily Foyer

Thursday, 10/24

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Announcements Avalanche Rescue Technology <i>Dale Atkins</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
9:00 – 9:10 am	Break (move to workshop)	
9:10 – 10:10 am	WRITTEN QUIZ – Final Exam Part 2 Snowpits: drawing and interpreting Weather Data: interpretation & basic calculations	Various Rooms
10:10 – 10:50 am	POST QUIZ – REVIEW OF ANSWERS	
10:50 – 11:00 am	Break (return to ballroom)	
11:00 – 12:00 pm	Wet Snow & Wet Snow Avalanches <i>Simon Trautman</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom

Thursday, 10/24

12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch (on own)	
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Difficult Avalanche Problems in a Changing Climate <i>Karl Birkeland</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
1:45 – 2:15 pm	NAS Field Session Preview & Expectations <i>AAI Staff</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
2:15 – 2:30 pm	Break	
2:15 – 4:00 pm	Closing Remarks <i>Mike Ferrari</i>	Sego Lily Ballroom
	FINAL EXAM Part 3 (Multiple Choice)	
4:00 pm	Departure	