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“Alpine Rescue Team Using RECCO Rescue System”

Noted volunteer group Alpine Rescue Team, of Evergreen, has incorporated the RECCO Avalanche Rescue System into its search and rescue strategy. The RECCO Avalanche Rescue System is the Team’s newest tool to help find people in avalanches, and has potential to find people lost in the mountains regardless of the season. Major clothing, snowboarding, and skiing companies are incorporating RECCO into their apparel, so more people heading into the mountains during winter are equipped with the RECCO reflectors. “This is a huge addition to our arsenal of SAR equipment” said Team Field Director Tom Loebach.

This Sunday, December 18th, at 11:00 AM, the Team will be concluding an avalanche-rescue drill near Echo Lake [just off Highway 103, South of Idaho Springs]. The news media are welcome to attend the end of the session to see first hand the different rescue methods and tools - including RECCO - that are used to find buried victims. For additional information and directions, please contact Steve Wilson at (303) 891-4982.

First introduced in Europe, in 1983, the RECCO Avalanche Rescue System is a two-part system consisting of a RECCO reflector (integrated into commercial outer clothing, boots, and helmets) and a RECCO detector used by organized rescue teams. The technology enables rapid directional pinpointing of a victim’s exact position-location by using harmonic radar.

Avalanches are a serious threat to those who venture into the backcountry and the Team joins 11 Colorado ski areas already equipped with RECCO detectors. Worldwide over 440 ski areas and rescue teams are already equipped with the rescue system.

The Team would like to remind people that the RECCO Avalanche Rescue System is not intended for companion rescue and does not replace the avalanche-rescue transceiver, probe, and shovel. The RECCO Avalanche Rescue System can make rescues easier and faster giving buried victims one more chance to be found alive.

Alpine Rescue Team is an all-volunteer, non-profit agency and never charges for its services.



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