

Celebrating Alta's 70th Anniversary

Fireside Chat

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“UDOT’s Highway Avalanche Control Program”

Liam Fitzgerald

Thursday, February 26th, 2009* Rustler Lodge, Alta* 4:00 pm



Avalanches: UDOT’s Highway Avalanche Control Program and how they keep our roads safe by Liam Fitzgerald, UDOT’s avalanche forecast supervisor.

Liam Fitzgerald, UDOT’s avalanche forecast supervisor, routinely makes the most important decisions of his day before most of us even start ours. UDOT’s avalanche program works closely with ski resort management, public officials and citizens. These organizations all aid in the collaborative success efforts of the avalanche crew. The tasks of accurately anticipating avalanche dangers creates tremendous stress for the avalanche forecasters. In addition to adhering to the scientific data, avalanche crew members must rely on the expertise of each other. Due to their efforts, people can safely live, play and work in Utah’s beautiful mountains.

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