

**File Code:** 5100-3

**Date:** January 15, 2016

**Subject:** Avalanche Safety Completion Memo

**To:** Local / Agency Training Representatives

The following individuals have successfully completed a four hour Avalanche Safety Awareness training on January 14, 2016 hosted by the Boise NF, Emmett Ranger District at the Garden Valley Work Center in Garden Valley, Idaho.

**Supervisor's Office**

Chad Hood  
\*Daniel Valasek  
Breck Young

**Emmett RD**

Frank Gonzales

**Idaho City RD**

Brian Anderson  
Kenneth Bridger

**Lowman RD**

Scott Brandt  
Jason Butler  
Anthony Crill  
Colin Good  
John Kidd  
Rich Kline  
Matthew Robinson

\*=Not in IQCS

Instructor was Alex Taran, an Avalanche Forecaster from the Idaho Department of Transportation. Course Coordinator was *Brian Anderson* (ID-BOF) [btanderson@fs.fed.us](mailto:btanderson@fs.fed.us) (208) 392-3709.

Course consisted of lecture, hands on demonstration of survival gear and a field exercise. Avalanche safety gear including avalanche beacons/transceivers, probes and shovels were discussed, demonstrated as to proper use as well as field tested by all students. Topics covered during this workshop included:

- Introduction to avalanches and the anatomy of an avalanche
- Contributing factors for avalanches: Terrain features, Weather, Snowpack
- Survival Basics
- Partner Rescue

This workshop meets purpose of maintaining requirements within the FSH 6709.11 Health and Safety Code Handbook:

Chapter 13.4 Snowmobiles "*Employees shall be trained in emergency survival, avalanche hazard recognition, and were needed, avalanche control.*"

Chapter 22.52 Snow Surveys "*Qualifications. In addition to having the training and certifications listed in section 22.07, employees shall receive training in or be familiar with the following topics when applicable...Avalanche hazard recognition.*"

Federal students were awarded the external training competency in IQCS as "4hr Avalanche Safety Awareness". In addition, this completion memo will serve as supporting documentation; no certificates of completion have been issued.