



Castle Peak Avalanche

Honor, Remember, Thank



Presented by
Sheriff Shannan
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CASTLE PEAK AVALANCHE TIMELINE OF EVENTS



FEB. 17

INITIAL RESPONSE

- 11:30 a.m. report received
- 46+ responders deployed
- Contact with survivors
- Ski teams reached by 5:36 p.m.
- 6 survivors saved
- 8 deceased located (3 by survivors, 5 by SAR)



FEB. 18

SAFETY ASSESSMENT

- Avalanche danger and weather conditions too hazardous
- Recon flights canceled



FEB. 19

PREPARATION

- Weather prevented air operations
- SnoCats improved travel routes for Friday's operation



FEB. 20

RECOVERY OPERATIONS RESUME

- Aerial recon by CareFlight Truckee & CHP
- Avalanche mitigation completed by PG&E
- Safe to insert SAR personnel
- 9th missing victim located
- 5 deceased recovered



FEB. 21

FINAL RECOVERY

- High winds limited hoists
- CHP hoisted 1 decedent
- CA National Guard hoisted remaining 3 decedents
- Last person recovered at 10:58 a.m.
- 42 volunteers participated



FEB. 27

MISSION COMPLETION

- CareFlight Truckee, ski teams, and snowmobile teams that were deployed to recover remaining personal effects
- Personal effects returned to families, providing closure



IN LOVING MEMORY



3 BLACKBIRD GUIDES



Andrew Alissandratos, 34
of Verdi, Nevada



Nicole Choo, 42
of South Lake Tahoe



Michael Henry, 30
of Soda Springs



6 GUESTS



Carrie Atkin, 46, of Soda Springs



Lizabeth Clabaugh, 52, of Boise, Idaho



Danielle Keatley, 44, Soda Springs & Larkspur



Kate Morse, 45, of Soda Springs & Tiburon



Caroline Sekar, 45, of Soda Springs & San Francisco




Katherine Vitt, 43, of Greenbrea










THANK YOU TO ALL 21 MISSION PARTNERS



-  1. Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue
-  2. Placer County Sheriff's Office
-  3. Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue
-  4. Washoe County Sheriff's Office
-  5. Washoe County Search and Rescue
-  6. California's Governor's Office of Emergency Services
-  7. California Highway Patrol Air Operations
-  8. Care Flight Truckee, a service of REMSA Health
-  9. Sierra Avalanche Center
-  10. Pacific Gas & Electric
-  11. United States Forest Service



-  12. California State Parks
-  13. Truckee Fire
-  14. OpenSnow
-  15. Tahoe Donner's Alder Creek Adventure Center
-  16. Boreal Mountain Ski Resort
-  17. Truckee Tahoe Airport
-  18. Town of Truckee
-  19. Truckee Police Department
-  20. Truckee Donner Land Trust
-  21. California National Guard



This mission will be remembered not only for the lives saved, but for the extraordinary compassion, resilience, and unwavering commitment to recover every victim with dignity, honor those lost, and bring comfort to families.

