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2004-2005 Mid-Season Avalanche Incident Summary, February 1

For the period of October 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005 the CSAC has filed 68 incident reports from around the world. These resulted in a total of 99 fatalities. Reports are from 14 countries and 10 US states and include villages and highways as well as skiers, snowmobilers and other recreationalists. The CSAC database of reports since October 1, 2000 contains 643 reports resulting in 995 fatalities worldwide. A detailed summary of this season so far can be found in the News section of the CSAC website: http://www.csac.org/News/

Summary by Country

Summary by US State

Country	Reports	Fatalities
Austria 7/9	7	9
Canada 4/3	4	3
France 11/9	11	9
India 2/7	2	7
Iran 1/24	1	24
Japan 2/1	2	1
Lebanon 1/0	1	0
Nepal 1/2	1	2
Russia 2/11	2	11
Slovakia 2/2	2	2
Switzerland 8/8	8	8
Tajikistan 1/2	1	2
Turkey 1/6	1	6
United States	26	15
Total, Global	69	99
Total, N. America	30	18

State	Reports	Fatalities
Alaska	3	0
California	2	0
Colorado	6	1
Idaho	1	2
Kentucky	1	0
Montana	2	3
Nevada	1	1
Oregon	1	0
Utah	8	7
Washington	1	1
Total	26	15

The CSAC Incidents database can be used to further sort incidents by location, activity, date or number of fatalities. Official advisories are available for many incidents. Actual report files are available to project contributors.

Of Special Note

There was a fatality on Mt Rainier very early in the season which we have not included since there is insufficient information to determine if it was an avalanche accident. The largest single incident was in Iran where a bus was hit by a large boulder as a result of an avalanche, killing 24 people. One incident in a village in Turkey killed 6 people in their homes while another in far eastern Russia buried 11 Reindeer herders in their camp, killing 9.

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