

# **The Powder Cloud**

November 2024



## **Forecasting Kickoff**

Forecasting is officially up and running for the 2024-25 winter season! There's snow on the ground, and we've already seen a few humantriggered avalanches. Right now, we're sharing general snow and avalanche condition updates in our forecasts, and we'll start adding danger ratings and specific avalanche problems once conditions warrant.

We're excited to roll out a new weather widget that lets you easily access weather station data from all over the state in one place. Check it out <u>here</u>. Regional forecasts are available via our <u>website</u>, <u>app</u>, email (<u>subscribe</u>), and phone at 1-888-999-4019. With a focus on safety and community, the UAC is here to provide the most up-to-date avalanche information to help you stay safe this winter.

Find the Forecast



#### 6th Annual Avalanche Awareness Week

The Utah Avalanche Center is thrilled to celebrate another **Avalanche Awareness Week!** Established in 2019 by Utah Legislature's <u>H.B. 380</u>, the first week of December is dedicated to raising awareness and saving lives through avalanche education.

This year, we're hosting <u>15 incredible events</u> across the state to help you gear up for the season. We'll kick things off with a community beacon rescue practice at <u>Sugarhouse Park</u>, where you can run beacon drills and connect with avalanche professionals. The week wraps up with the <u>Utah</u> <u>Snow and Avalanche Workshop (USAW)</u>—an evening packed with years of expertise and valuable insights.

Here's a quick look at our statewide events:

- AAW Sugarhouse Kickoff Dec. 2, 4:30 PM–7:30 PM, SLC
- Pray for Snow Party Dec. 3, 6 PM–9 PM, Logan
- Blue Ice Talk at Fisher Brewing Dec. 3, 6 PM–9 PM, SLC
- Patagonia KBYG Dec. 3, 7 PM–9 PM, SLC
- USU KBYG Dec. 4, Logan
- Pinebrook Beacon Park Open Dec. 4, 4 PM–6:30 PM, Park City
- <u>Weber County Library KBYG</u> Dec. 4, 7 PM–8 PM, Weber
- SUU Skyline KBYG Dec. 4, 5:30 PM–7:30 PM, Skyline
- Moab KBYG Dec. 5, 6 PM–7 PM, Moab
- Utah Ski Gear KBYG Dec. 5, 6 PM–7 PM, SLC
- Tucker High Adventure Tours KBYG Dec. 5, 6 PM–7 PM, Beaver
- Provo Freeride Academy Movie Dec. 5, 6 PM–9 PM, Provo
- USU Beacon Clinic Dec. 7, 10 AM–1 PM, Logan
- <u>USAW</u> Dec. 7, 4 PM–7:30 PM, SLC
- Moab Winter Kickoff Dec. 14, 6 PM–9 PM

Join us for a week of fun, education, and preparation as we get ready for another incredible season in the backcountry!

Find Out More



### **Pray For Snow Party**

A special highlight from Avalanche Awareness Week is our <u>Pray for Snow Party</u> in Logan on December 3rd. This fundraiser helps us provide forecasting, awareness, and education in Northern Utah. Join us for a night of fun with live music by Two Headed Trout, pizza, and a silent auction!

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#### UAC Merch

You asked, and we delivered! Show your love for your favorite avalanche center with our brandnew merch collection, now live on our website! From stylish <u>Skida hats</u> to <u>classic corduroy</u> and <u>dad hats</u>, there's something for everyone. Treat yourself or surprise the backcountry enthusiast in your life with the perfect gift!



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#### Holiday Auction-Kickoff Nov 25th

The Holiday Auction launches on November 25th, and it's packed with incredible gifts for everyone on your list. From stunning artwork to top-notch gear and one-of-a-kind experiences, we've got something special for every backcountry enthusiast. Shop with purpose this holiday season—support the Utah Avalanche Center and find the perfect presents all in one place!

#### Live PC Give PC Recap

Thank you to everyone who supported us during Live PC Give PC! Together, **we raised a recordbreaking \$38,624 from 286 generous donors**. Your contributions will directly support our efforts in forecasting, education, and awareness, helping us continue to serve the backcountry community.



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!



### **Education Corner**

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<u>A recent study</u> by researchers from Eastern Oregon University and the American Institute for Avalanche Research and Education examined the impact of recreational avalanche education on backcountry behaviors and group dynamics. The study surveyed participants who completed a Level 1 Avalanche Course at intervals of 6 weeks, 1 year, and 2 years post-course. The insights found can help improve avalanche education and safety practices in the backcountry. **Read more about group dynamics and decision-making here.** 

Read More



### **Rocky Talkie Highlight**

The UAC is proud to work with Rocky Talkie, a critical sponsor of our Trailhead Avalanche Awareness Program. Their mission is to give adventurers the confidence to push their limits in the backcountry through improved communication. Find how to use their <u>group-to-group radio</u> <u>channels</u> in Utah.

Find out more



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