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Utah Snow and Avalanche Workshop General Session Day 1

Nov. 9, 2021; 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Evaluating snow structure while integrating both new and old technologies to determine avalanche hazards.

18:00-18:05 Welcome. Craig Gordon, Utah Avalanche Center

18:05-18:25: Winter in Review Video

18:30-18:50: Early Season Avalanche Problems. How they morph throughout the season and what tools are effective as stability indicators. *Mark Staples, Utah Avalanche Center*

18:55-19:15: Doing the DEID Part Deux ... Batteries Included. How technology helps us plan our day. *Trent Meisenheimer, Utah Avalanche Center and Travis Morrison, University of Utah Dept. of Mechanical Engineering*

19:20- 19:40: Mapping Snow Depth Across the West. The Community Snow Observations project is working to improve the availability of high-resolution, high-quality snow distribution information to backcountry users. *David Hill Foster, Professor, Civil and Construction Engineering, Oregon State University*

19:55- 20:15: Changing Weather Patterns and Weather Anomalies. The process that drives east wind events and wrap-around moisture. Or... why "closed lows" screw up a lot of great powder. *Glen Merrill- National Weather Service, Salt Lake City*

20:20-20:50: How Do We Perceive "Manageable" Avalanche Problems? Sarah Carpenter, American Avalanche Institute

20:50-20:55: Presentation from American Avalanche Association

20:55-21:00: Closing Remarks. Craig Gordon, Utah Avalanche Center

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