

Transmitter Saves Skier

ALTA, Utah (UPI) — A Salt Lake City skier buried by a snow avalanche Thursday was rescued quickly by Alta Ski Resort patrolmen, thanks to a radio transmitter the man was wearing.

Officials identified the man as Ron Gregory, 34. He was in stable condition with just minor injuries at a Sandy, Utah, hospital.

Ski patrolmen said Gregory apparently triggered the slide about 1:30 p.m., while skiing through new powder snow on Patsy Marley Mountain, just east of the resort's

boundary.

Other skiers saw Gregory swept about one-quarter mile down the mountain and alerted the patrol. Rescuers found the man buried under about five feet of snow within minutes after they arrived at the scene.

Gregory was wearing a small radio transmitter that sends out a beeping signal. Ski patrol members equipped with radio receivers picked up the signal and pinpointed the spot where the man was buried.