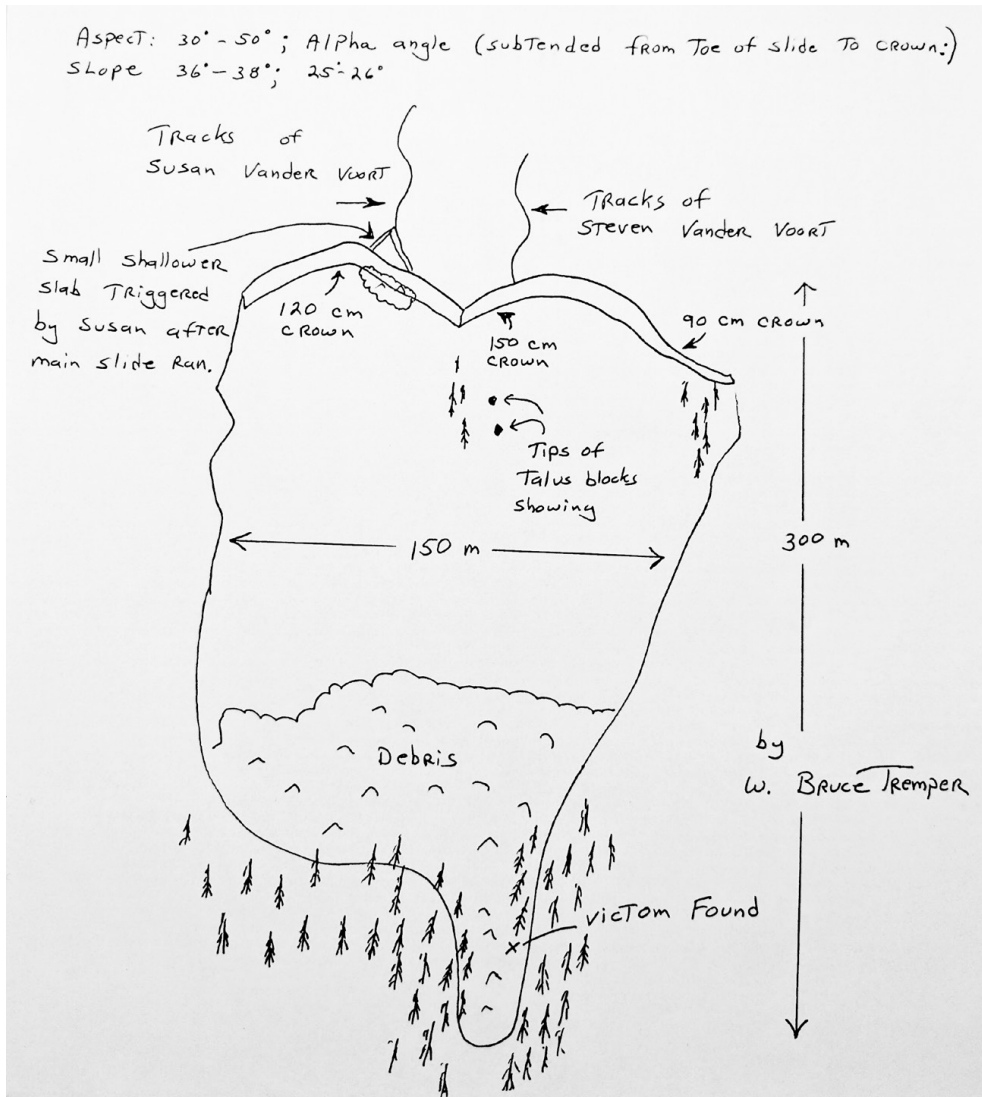


1986-1987 SEASON



Sketch of the avalanche that killed Steven VanderVoort on January 15, 1987. There was no evidence of a shallower slab or sluff stepping down into deeper layers; the crown probably broke out 10 to 20 meters above him. *Diagram by Bruce Tremper*

TYPE	TRIGGER	R SIZE	D SIZE	BED	ASPECT	CHARACTER
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COMMENTS

The rescue itself also provides several lessons for rescuers interested in maximizing their efficacy. Responders from six different operations converged on the avalanche scene: Brighton, Solitude, Snowbird, and Alta Ski Areas, Wasatch Powderbirds heli-skiing, and the Ski Utah Interconnect. The responders included dog teams from each of the four ski areas. The rapid response from multiple agencies created difficulties identified in post-rescue debriefs: