

UINTA MOUNTAINS, NEAR COALVILLE, UTAH | January 17, 1998

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One snowmobiler buried and killed

WEATHER AND SNOWPACK CONDITIONS

Mid-January 1998 was very stormy in Utah. Storms began on January 9, with a rapid rise in avalanche danger and numerous avalanche accidents in northern Utah.

ACCIDENT AND RESCUE SUMMARY

Damon Vernon (21) was snowmobiling with group friends in the western Uinta Mountains, near Coalville. An avalanche caught and buried Vernon around 15:00. Four friends located Vernon and dug him out, but he could not be revived.

No rescue
equipment

COMMENTS

The lack of information available on this accident precludes comment.