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Avalanche hits skiing area

Four missing, officials unsure if related to Powder Mtn. incident

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POWDER MOUNTAIN - Four teenagers are missing, and officials are unsure if they were in an **avalanche** that swept down the **mountain** and caused a 15-car pileup Friday afternoon.

Lt. Jeff Maylan with Weber County Sheriff's Office said the two girls and boys were last seen snowboarding at Pow-

der **Mountain** Ski Area at noon. All four were staying with family at a condo there.

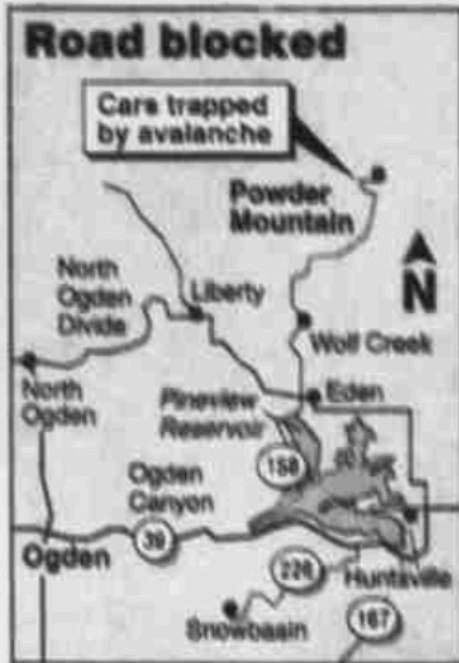
"Parents have called them over due," Maylan said Friday night. "No one knows where they are at this point."

A sergeant with a search and rescue unit met with the family, but Maylan said crews will not be able to search until today. **Avalanche** conditions across the **mountain**, heavy snow, dark and cold would have endangered rescue crews Fri-

day night.

"It's just one of those things where we have to wait," Maylan said. "It's like looking for a needle in a haystack in the dark."

However, officers did check surrounding areas like Eden to make sure the teenagers weren't at one of the convenience stores.



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