

Avalanche kills snowmobiler in Rich County

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WOODRUFF — A snowmobiler was killed Thursday in an avalanche in Rich County near the Wyoming border, pushing the avalanche death toll to its highest point since the state started keeping records in 1951.

Eight people have been killed since the avalanche season began last fall.

The snowmobiler was caught in an avalanche in the Monte Cristo area, near the northern Utah town of Woodruff around 11 a.m., Rich County Sheriff Dale Spacey said.

The victim, a 27-year-old Farr West man whose name was not released, was apparently wearing an avalanche beacon and friends were able to dig him out of the snow.