

2 dead after avalanche in northern Utah canyons

LOGAN — Two people were killed Wednesday in an **avalanche** in northern Utah, the Cache County sheriff's office said.

Lt. Matt Bilodeau said the slide happened at 10:30 a.m. on the backside of **Logan Peak**, between Providence and **Logan** canyons.

The two were in a party of four that was snowmobiling, Bilodeau said. One person had a satellite phone and called authorities after the slide.

Identities of the dead were not being released pending notification of family. The other two people were not injured, Bilodeau said.

He said search teams do not believe anyone else was caught in the **avalanche**.

Avalanche danger across northern Utah has been high this week as new snowfall has made the snowpack increasingly fragile. The Utah Ava-

lanche Center has cautioned people not to venture into the backcountry.

Logan is about 85 miles north of Salt Lake City.

Woman charged in arsons found competent

OGDEN — A woman who is charged with setting a string of fires in Ogden has been found competent to stand trial.

Marianne Mancuso, 47, is charged with four felony counts of arson. She was arrested Oct. 21 after a string of fires in vacant homes near downtown Ogden in an area slated for redevelopment.

Mancuso is being held at the Weber County Jail on \$15,000 bail.

She was found competent to stand trial at a hearing in 2nd District Court on Monday.

If she makes bail, the judge has ordered her to enter into a mental-health and substance-abuse program and stay away from the area where the fires