

NEWS RELEASE

Meadow Creek, B.C., 01:00 P.M. PST February 3, 2012 – One skier is dead following an avalanche at approximately 11:00 AM Pacific Standard Time today at Selkirk Wilderness Skiing, approximately 100 km north of Nelson, B.C.

The skier was with a group of 10 skiers and 2 guides who were skiing on Meadow Mountain. They were descending a run one-at-a-time, when the second guest in the group triggered an avalanche. That person, who was wearing an avalanche transceiver, was located by the lead guide and was visible on the surface. The guides dug the skier out and resuscitation efforts were immediately begun, but the guides were unable to revive the skier.

The other skiers in the group have now returned to the resort lodge.

RCMP have been notified of the accident.

Selkirk Wilderness Skiing is a cat-skiing facility, where skiers are transported to the lodge and to ski slopes by snow cat. Today's accident was the first fatality to occur at the resort since it was established 37 years ago. Selkirk Wilderness Skiing's lodge is accessible in winter by snow cat, a trip of approximately 30 minutes from the community of Meadow Creek.

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