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## **New Avalanche Transceiver Training Park Opens at Solitude**

Sharpen Your Skills and Save Lives in Big Cottonwood Canyon

**SOLITUDE, UTAH** (February 10, 2006) Solitude Mountain Resort has teamed up with Wasatch Backcountry Rescue to open up the third transceiver park in the Wasatch Mountains.

With backcountry travel at an all time high, rescue training facilities have never been more welcome. While many backcountry travelers have the required equipment for safe travel, they do not have the proper education or practice in utilizing their equipment.

Located in the northwest corner of Solitude's entry 1 parking lot, the rescue facility will allow users to practice finding one to four buried "targets" in the snow using their avalanche transceivers (provided by user) and probes (provided by Solitude). A flashing light and siren indicate when a target has been found, and the rescue time is recorded.

Says Solitude Ski Patrol Assistant Director Keith Sternfels, "We are elated to have this state-of-the-art rescue facility at Solitude Mountain Resort. With our backcountry access gates and the increasing number of backcountry travelers in Big Cottonwood Canyon, we are constantly looking for opportunities to educate and prepare those enthusiasts and thus ensure greater safety beyond resort boundaries."

Funded entirely by Wasatch Backcountry Rescue, the training facility is free to the public and is open daily from 8 am to 5 pm.

Solitude Mountain Resort, a year-round, family-friendly destination, receives more than 500 inches of the Greatest Snow on Earth™ every year and is located just 40 minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport.

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