

# Surprise Avalanches and Post Control Releases

## 2011 Professional Development Workshop

Topic: Surprise Avalanches and Post Control Releases

**Doug Abromeit of the National Avalanche Center talks about the Snowbird 2008 accident and the USFS/NAC perspective on avalanche accidents and near misses.**

Part 1

Part 2

**Doug Abromeit of the National Avalanche Center describes an avalanche accident in Ketchum, ID involving a heli ski guide and the ensuing natural avalanche cycle.**

**Karl Birkeland of the National Avalanche Center Lectures about "Some Basic Fracture Mechanics and Implications for Post Control Releases".**

**Jordy Hendriks of MSU lectures about "Surprise Avalanches in the Milford Sound". It's jumpy for only the first 20 sec.**

**Alec van Herwijnen talks about "A simple Fracture Mechanical Field Test".**

**Eric Knoff of the GNFAAC lectures about "Surprise Avalanches at Snowbird".**

**Karl Birkeland, Doug Abromeit, Randy Elliott and Don Bachman answer questions about post control releases and surprise avalanches.**