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**STATEMENT ON OUT-OF-BOUNDS AVALANCE NEAR KEYSTONE RESORT**

**Feb. 11, 2014 – Keystone, Colo.** – Keystone Resort officials have confirmed an out-of-bounds avalanche occurred today in the back-country , south of the North Peak area of Keystone Resort.  Keystone Ski Patrol received a call at approximately 12:30 p.m. MST and responded under the supervision of Summit County Search and Rescue. Reports of a missing person resulted in extensive search and rescue operations through the afternoon and into the evening and are continuing this morning. Search and Rescue efforts are being led by Summit County Search and Rescue and include personnel from Keystone Ski Patrol, Breckenridge Ski Patrol and Arapahoe Basin Ski Patrol.

At this time there has been no confirmation of injuries or further information regarding the suspected missing person.

Keystone Resort would like to commend all teams involved for their quick and skilled response and ongoing efforts.

Keystone Ski Patrol is constantly monitoring conditions and assessing the safety of the snow and regularly performs thorough avalanche mitigation across the resort’s in-bounds terrain. Anyone accessing the back-country should consult the CAIC avalanche forecast, which was “High” on the date of the incident.

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