



City of Missoula
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Press Release

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Avalanche Update; Saturday March 1, 2014

As of 2:00AM this morning, emergency crews have cleared from the scene of the avalanche. Power lines have been secured, and the gas lines have been capped. There is no information currently available regarding the medical condition of the three persons rescued, they remain hospitalized. There is continued concern that the unstable snow conditions in the Missoula Valley may produce other slides and citizens are advised to stay out of closed areas.

Detectives have conducted interviews in an investigative effort to determine if the avalanche was caused by human activity, however at this time no determination has been made. Those efforts are continuing. Anyone with information as to the cause of the slide is asked to contact Detective Dean Chrestenson at (406) 552-6705, or Detective Guy Baker at (406) 552-6284. You may also call Missoula Crime-Stoppers at (406) 721-4444.