

20130303 Haines one fatality – Summary

Five people were on a cornice, possibly at the top of a chute being contemplated to descend, when the cornice failed. Four people fell 800 to 1000 feet with the cornice. One person was left remaining on top. The falling cornice cleared the slope below of snow. Two deployed airbags: one was uninjured; the other suffered a broken femur and pneumothorax. A second person was also injured. There were no burials. The cause of the injuries and fatality was trauma against rock(s).