Forecasting for a Widespread Heliski Operation
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This will be a 15 minute oral presentation, with slides, describing the procedures employed at Mike Wiegele Helicopter Skiing. MWHS is located in the Columbia Mountains of British Colombia and covers approximately 5000sq. mi.. During high season the operation utilizes the observations from 7 helicopters, 20 guides, 3 weather stations and researchers from the University of Calgary as well as information from the CAA info/ex. And weather forecast to prepare their avalanche stability rating.

I will try to explain why and how each of these items influence the forecaster and how the forecaster is used by the guides in choosing appropriate skiing terrain. Slides will be used to highlight or demonstrate particular aspects of the procedure. I will be happy to answer any questions regarding the presentation at that time.