



On Tuesday, January 19, 2016, a Yellowstone Club (YC) Ski Patroller triggered an avalanche on a wind-loaded slope which released on his second turn. The slide broke 2-4 feet deep, 300 feet wide and carried him through a terrain trap of thick trees. He was partially buried 300 vertical feet below in the toe of the debris. His partners reached him within three minutes, but the trauma was fatal.

The YCSP created a non-profit to remember their colleague and friend, Darren Johnson. And, to support ski patrollers across the country by providing scholarships for avalanche education and attendance at the National

Avalanche School.

Advisory Region  
Northern Madison

**Forecast link:** [GNFAC Avalanche Forecast for Wed Jan 15, 2025GNFAC Avalanche Forecast for Thu Jan 16, 2025](#)

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