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MOUNTAIN WEST

AVALANCHE CONSULTING INC.

Professional Experience

Mountain West Avalanche Consulting, Owner 2020 - Current

Duties include: Building relationships and delivering various services as a ski and avalanche industry expert.

Alpine Enterprises, Avalanche Hazard Consultant 2024- Current

Analyze historical data, weather patterns, and topographic features to determine avalanche hazard potential, and prepare detailed technical reports and hazard assessments to support project planning and risk mitigation strategies. Utilize GIS tools, terrain analysis, and forecasting models to enhance risk assessments as part of a team of engineers and surveyors.

Supervisor: Bruce Smith (208)-727-1988

Majestic Heli Ski, Snow Safety Director/ Lead Guide, Sutton, Alaska Feb 2019 - Current

Duties include: Assessing and mitigating dangers to the company, guests, staff, and property as a risk manager through maintaining snowpack familiarity in a wide region with no remote instrumentation or outside forecasting. Finding high quality, stable skiing for our guests while providing a top-notch customer service experience in the Northern Chugach and Talkeetna mountains of Alaska.

Supervisor: Njord Rota 970.366.6600 njord@majesticheliski.com

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Eleven Experience, Guide 2024-Current

Duties include: Assessing and mitigating dangers to the company, guests, staff, and property as a risk manager through maintaining snowpack familiarity, explosives mitigation and terrain use in Colorado and Iceland and managing logistics of using helicopters and snowcats to access high quality, stable skiing for our guests while providing a top-notch customer service experience in the mountains of Colorado, Iceland.

Supervisor: Doug Krause (970) 403-4186 dkrause@elevenexperience.com

American Avalanche Association, Membership Trustee, Board of Directors 2024- Current
As the Membership Trustee on the American Avalanche Association Board of Directors, I am primarily responsible for overseeing the membership process, reviewing applications, ensuring adherence to membership guidelines, and making recommendations to the full board regarding new member approvals. The trustee essentially acts as a guardian of the association's membership standards and integrity.

Ski Arpa, Guide, Los Andes, Chile

Summers 2015- Current

Duties include: maintaining snowpack familiarity in a wide region with no remote instrumentation or outside forecasting. Finding high-quality, stable skiing for our guests while providing a top-notch customer service experience in the Central Andes mountains of Chile.

Supervisor: Anton Sponar 970-379-2878 asponar@gmail.com

Whiteroom Tours, Guide, December 2023 - Jan 2024

Duties Include - Guiding guests backcountry ski touring and resort side country in a foreign country and different culture while providing a top-notch guest service experience.

Silverton Avalanche School, Pro Educator, 2018-2023

Duties include: Using my risk management and communication experience to educate and examine professional avalanche workers in accordance with the guidelines and standards established by the American Avalanche Association.

Supervisor: Michael Ackerman michael@avyschool.org 970-403-4827

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Park City Mountain Resort, *Snow Safety Specialist*, Park City, UT Winters 2002 –2018

Duties include: avalanche forecasting, avalanche control work planning and execution as a explosives route leader, emergency medical first responding, training junior staff members in avalanche forecasting, mitigation methods, explosive use, crisis management, risk management and customer service.

Supervisor: Andy VanHouten ajvanhouten@vailresorts.com 435-513-4218

Park City Powder Cats, *Guide*, Park City, UT Winters 2014- Current

Duties include: maintaining snowpack familiarity and finding high quality, stable skiing for our guests while providing an excellent customer service experience in the Western Unita mountains of Utah.

Supervisor: Johnny Adolphson 435-671-8140 adolphson123@hotmail.com

Utah Avalanche Center, *"Know Before You Go" Presenter, Avalanche Safety Instructor*

Winters 2010-Current

Duties include: Presenting the "Know Before You Go" program, a indoors presentation about the basics of avalanche safety and also teaching the skills in an outdoor setting as a Backcountry 101 program.

Supervisor: Andy Nasetta andy@utahavalanchecenter.org 860-460-8142

Character References available upon request

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Awards and Certifications

American Avalanche Association Professional Member
Guide Member - Heli Ski US
American Avalanche Association Pro 2
NSP and AAI Avalanche level 1 & 2, AIARE Level 1 & 2
AIARE Instructor
National Avalanche School 2015
AvPro 2017
Presenter - Utah Snow and Avalanche Workshop 2016, 2017, 2018
Presenter - ISSW 2018, 2023
National Ski Patrol Outdoor Emergency Care Technician
Wilderness First Responder
AAA Pro Trainer Workshop 2019
FEMA ICS-100
FEMA ICS-200

Education

Boise State University, Boise, ID	August 2025-Current
Major: Interdisciplinary Professional Studies Minor: Business	
Westminster College, Salt Lake City	August 2004 - December 2005
Major: English, Minor: Art History	

Written Works

Reframing "Ski Cut": Adding Context To Improve Risk Communication
International Snow Science Workshop 2023, Bend, OR

Words of Estimative Probability and the Language of the North American Public
Avalanche Danger Scale
International Snow Science Workshop 2018 Innsbruck, Austria

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Recent Works

Marcellina Lane Development Project - Avalanche Safety Consulting - Provide avalanche hazard mapping and consulting services for real estate development.

Boulder Basin Project - Avalanche Safety Consulting - Provide mapping and consulting services for real estate development.

Snow Avalanche Hazard Evaluation And Path Identification For Quigley Canyon, Blaine County, Idaho, Alpine Enterprises, Ketchum, Idaho

Kazama V Comolli - Expert Witness - Provided consultation services to clarify, explain, and provide opinions on complex matters using facts or data relevant to ski area accidents and liability.

Smith V Sundown - Expert Witness - Provided consultation services to clarify, explain, and provide opinions on complex matters using facts or data relevant to ski area accidents and liability.

Berkner V. Owen - - Expert Witness - Provided consultation services to clarify, explain, and provide opinions on complex matters using facts or data relevant to ski area accidents and liability.