



# Chelan County Sheriff's Office

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On Monday, 02/17/14 at 1203 hours, Rivercom advised of a death at the Stevens Pass Ski Area. CCSO Deputy Nelson responded from Plain, WA.

A 31 yoa male from Idaho, who was also identified as an off-duty Stevens Pass employee, had been snowboarding in Corona Bowl, which is part of the Mill Valley portion of the ski area, accessed by the Jupiter chair on the backside of Stevens Pass. Witnesses state that the victim was snowboarding with no helmet, he entered an area with exposed rocks, he fell and hit his head. The victim was known to have been a snowboarder for at least 10 years. The victim was conscious and alert when ski patrol arrived, but then began going in and out of consciousness. The victim was taken by ski patrol to the Nordic Center Lodge. While the ski patrol was attending to him, the victim lost consciousness, and CPR was performed. The victim could not be resuscitated.

The Chelan County Coroner was advised, he responded, and removed the victim from the ski area.

This should serve as a reminder for skiers and boarders of all abilities to always wear a helmet.

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