

Hello Haines Assembly Members,

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I'd like to support the proposal by the Haines borough manager for all heli-ski operators to subscribe to InfoEx and report their daily mountain observations to the online data base. InfoEx is the largest online snow sharing platform in the world. A very powerful tool that I have been using every year while I ski guide outside of Haines for the past 8 years. In most areas InfoEx is mandatory.

I'm a Haines local and a snow avalanche professional. I've been heli-ski guiding in Haines every season since 2011. I have one of the highest avalanche certifications available in Canada (the world's leading snow science country along with Switzerland) and I'm a certified and licensed mountain ski guide. Since 2011 I've witnessed various ways the heli-ski operators and guides try to communicate with each other on the avalanche and weather conditions in the mountains during the 8-9-week ski season. Sometimes its word or mouth, a txt, a phone call, a social media post and sometimes it's nothing at all which unfortunately is the most common. There's no written rule that we as operators/guides need to share information and I assume we all get caught up with the daily grind and simply don't have time to reach out after our nightly operational guides meeting. I think it's safe to say with the nature of our industry every operator's main slogan is safety first. It's my belief that with all operators inputting their snow and weather data into InfoEx we will create a stronger culture of safety.

If you have any questions or comments for me please call.

Best,

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