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## Skier rescued from avalanche near resort

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A skier was rescued from an avalanche he triggered Sunday above the Green River traverse in the backcountry south of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, the Bridger-Teton National Forest Avalanche Center reported.

The skier was the third to descend the line when he set off a 2- to 5-foot-deep hard slab, the avalanche center said in its afternoon advisory. He was swept through trees, over a cliff band and was almost completely buried. Others in his party quickly located and extricated him alive, the avalanche center reported.

An avalanche Jan. 5 killed 25-year-old skier Justin Kautz, who was caught above a cliff south of the resort. The cliff rises just above the well-traveled ski traverse between Rock Springs and Green River bowls. Two other skiers were caught in that avalanche but not seriously injured.

The general avalanche hazard for the Teton area today is expected to be moderate in the morning and could rise to considerable in the afternoon with clear skies. Backcountry travelers need to pay attention to the amount of heating, the avalanche center warned Sunday, and adjust their plans if they observe signs of significant warming.

For avalanche information, call 733-2664 or visit [www.jhavalanche.org](http://www.jhavalanche.org). To report an avalanche observation, call 739-2607 or e-mail [avalanche@jacksonhole.com](mailto:avalanche@jacksonhole.com).

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