

Marshal's Report January 12th to February 12th 2008

- **January 14th 5:22 p.m.- A theft from a vehicle report was taken.**
- **January 17th 8:00 a.m.- The Superior/Hellgate section of the highway was closed for helicopter rescue training. At 9:07 p.m., the Marshal's and Fire Departments responded to a burn injury at a Creekside residence.**
- **January 19th 3:35 p.m.- A traffic accident was investigated near the Alta Lodge.**
- **January 20th 2:54 p.m.- A traffic accident was investigated at the top of the Bypass Road.**
- **January 21st 6:30 a.m.- The highway was closed and interlodge travel restrictions were placed into effect for avalanche control work.**
- **January 22nd 6:30 a.m.- Road and Interlodge closures were conducted for avalanche control.**
- **January 25th 3:04 p.m.- The Deputy on Duty assisted the Sheriff's and Fire Departments with an auto-pedestrian accident on the lower Bypass Road. A male was transported to a local hospital for evaluation.**
- **January 26th 1:01 p.m.- A hit and run accident was reported after a man drove into an occupied vehicle in the Wildcat parking lot, and left without stopping to check for damages. The suspect vehicle was located and returned to the scene. Only minor damage had occurred and the parties agreed to exchange information and handle damages between themselves. At 11:53 p.m., (I'm not making this up) the Marshal was called to assist Sheriff's Deputies in locating an intoxicated man wearing a gorilla suit who had skipped out on a restaurant bill at the Cliff Lodge. After broadcasting his description, it was quickly determined the suspect had caught a shuttle ride to a Bypass Road rental unit. He was located and confronted about the situation. The dinner bill was promptly settled.**
- **January 28th 4:35 a.m.- The Hellgate/Superior are was placed on Interlodge travel restriction. At 9:00 a.m., the highway was closed pending mid-canyon avalanche control work. Control work was carried out, and traffic was briefly allowed out of the canyon. At 9:00 p.m. the Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge.**

- **January 29th 6:54 a.m.-** Two men were located sleeping in a camper in the Alta Peruvian Parking Lot as the Marshal's Office conducted parking lot checks prior to avalanche control work. The men were cited for interlodge violations and moved inside to safety so artillery work could be carried out. Control work was completed and the canyon was re-opened. At midnight, the Hellgate/Superior area was placed on interlodge.
- **January 30th 5:00 a.m.-** The canyon was closed and interlodge put into effect for avalanche control. The same two guys, in the same camper were once again found camping out in the parking lots. New citations were issued for camping in a watershed area and once again the men were moved inside for their safety. An offer was extended to assist them by keeping the vehicle as evidence and holding it until their court date. Haven't seen the truck since... At 10:08 a.m., a traffic accident was investigated in the Lower Albion parking lot.
- **January 31st 6:45 a.m.-** The Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge for avalanche control work. At 10:00 p.m., the Hellgate/Superior area was interlodged.
- **February 1st 6:00 a.m.-** The canyon, including the Town of Alta was interlodged until 8:45 a.m. for avalanche control. At 12:29 p.m. a report was taken for a lost wallet.
- **February 2nd 12:52 p.m.-** A traffic accident was investigated near the Rustler Lodge.
- **February 3rd 7:00 a.m.-** Avalanche control work was performed above the Bypass Road. At 9:30 a.m., the Hellgate/Superior area was placed on interlodge. At 1:00 p.m., the lower canyon was closed for avalanche control and, at midnight, the Town of Alta was placed on interlodge.
- **February 4th 5:33 a.m.-** A medical emergency was reported at the Peruvian Lodge while the canyon was closed due to avalanche hazard. Unified Fire Authority crews, working with the Department of Transportation, evacuated the patient down canyon via ambulance. Avalanche control commenced at 7:00 a.m. An avalanche released from the Culp's area and buried 13 unattended vehicles in the Grizzly Gulch parking area. No significant damage was done to the vehicles.
- **February 5th 2:52 p.m.-** A traffic accident was investigated on the Bypass Road.
- **February 7th 1:44 a.m.-** An avalanche released in the White Pine area and crossed the highway. Interlodge was immediately placed into effect and the slide was probed and searched with dog teams for possible victims.

Fortunately, no one was trapped in the slide. Avalanche control was conducted at 7:00 a.m., and the canyon was re-opened at 9:10 a.m. At 1:02 p.m., another avalanche hit the road below Snowbird Entry 1. The canyon highway was closed and avalanche control was again performed. The canyon was re-opened for a short period to facilitate necessary traffic and again closed at 6:00 p.m. The Town was placed on interlodge at 7:30 p.m.

- February 8th 7:00 a.m.- Avalanche control was conducted and the canyon was re-opened. At 6:09 p.m., a lost property report was taken.
- February 9th 3:00 p.m.- A traffic metering study was conducted by the Department of Transportation, Sheriff's Office, Snowbird and Alta Ski areas, and the Marshal's Department. The idea is to study timing patterns for vehicles leaving the canyon on busy afternoons and reduce the "red-snake" of tail-lights waiting on the highway under avalanche paths and possibly install signals to regulate the flow of vehicles. Traffic was alternated between Snowbird Entries and the highway. The initial test seems to have been a success. The Town is welcoming written comments from anyone who observed traffic this day. Please mail comments to P.O. 8016, Alta, Utah, 84092
- February 10th 7:00 a.m.- The Town was briefly placed on Interlodge to test-fire the Peruvian Ridge weapon which had to be repaired from all its recent use.
- February 12th 5:00 p.m.- The mid-canyon area was closed to allow for avalanche control worked performed via helicopter.

Other duties included:

- 147 business, ski rack, and property checks
- 21 alcohol enforcements
- 6 traffic violations
- 6 lost/stolen ski reports (2 recovered)
- 2 watershed enforcements
- 36 motorist assists
- 9 vehicle impounds
- 7 outside agency assists (excluding road closures)