Short Hand Documentation of avalanche activity

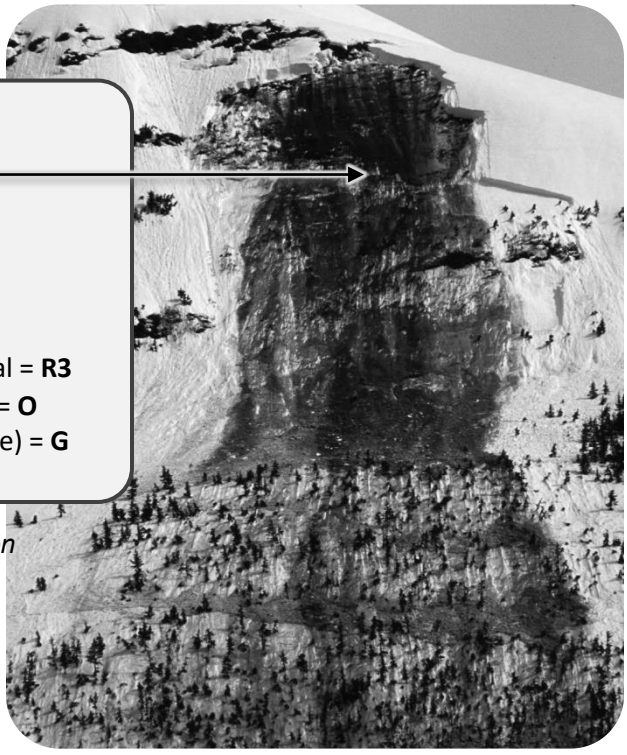
Avalanche Type	Triggers	Size	Failure Plane
L = Loose **SS =** Soft Slab **HS** = Hard Slab **WS** = Wet Slab	**N = Natural** **NC** = Natural cornice **A = Artificial** **AS** = Skier **AR** = Snowboarder **AM** = Snowmobiler **AE** = Explosive **AC** = Cornice **AI** = Snowshoer **AF** = Foot	**Destructive force:** **D1** = run less than 10 m, relatively harmless **D2** = could bury, injure or kill a person **D3** = could bury & destroy a car **D4** = could destroy a train car or forest area **D5** = largest known avalanches **Relative to path:** **R1** = very small **R2** = small **R3** = medium **R4** = large **R5** = maximum	**S** = New Snow **I** = New/Old snow interface **O** = Old Snow **G** = Ground **U** = Unknown

Avalanche Descriptions

Example of Documentation:

WS-N-D3-R3-O/G

- Wet Slab = **WS**
- Naturally triggered = **N**
- Capable of burying a car =**D3**
  (or several of them in this case)
- Medium size relative to the path's potential = **R3**
- Ran on old snow (see crown on right side) = **O**
  and the ground (majority of the bed surface) = **G**



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