

Avalanche group's first Tahoe-area director speaks out

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You might not know anything about Richard Bothwell.

But Bothwell knows things about you.

He knows that as a human you're prone to making bad decisions.

And if you like to play in the Sierra Nevada snow he knows how those bad decisions could get you killed in an avalanche.

"People who die in avalanches are not dumb people ... they just made bad decisions," said Bothwell. "And usually they made bad decisions in the face of evidence telling them they were bad decisions."

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