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At Approximately 11:40 this morning a large size, 300 foot wide avalanche was triggered on the ski slopes of the Summit East Ski Area at Snoqualmie Pass. The slide occurred about 4/5 the way up the ski hill and it is believed that a landslide triggered the avalanche which is covering most of the ski hill.

The debris field spanned eight houses. One house was severely damaged and two occupants were pulled and treated for minor injuries. Another house had significant damage while the other houses sustained minor damage according to Matt Cowan, Fire Chief for Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue.

All the homes were evacuated as well as two multi family housing buildings, Suncrest and Sundance Condominiums. These Condominiums are located at the base of the ski area.

A secondary search was completed to assess whether or not there may have been additional victims and none were found. Local responders have secured a ski lift tower, which was knocked over, and had live electrical wires exposed.

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An on-going assessment is being conducted by the Washington State Department of Transportation to evaluate if further evacuations will be necessary

Responding agencies include Snoqualmie Pass Fire & Rescue, Eastside Fire & Rescue, Kittitas County Hospital District #2 (Cle Elum), King County Sheriff's and Kittitas County Sheriff's offices (including Search and Rescue), Kittitas County Public Works, the Washington State Patrol, and the Washington State Department of Transportation.

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