## **Calculated Risk - Factors to consider when riding in the backcountry.**



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Snowmobiling in the mountains is risky business. Once a rider leaves the groomed trail and enters the uncontrolled and unpredictable realm of the backcountry, they immediately become exposed to a variety of hazards. One of the most inherent risks a backcountry rider confronts is the possibility of triggering or being caught in an avalanche since avalanche prone terrain often offers exciting riding opportunities. As a result, it is imperative that riders acquire proper skills to assess both the terrain and the snowpack - which will in turn facilitate better decision making when riding in the backcountry.

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