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The Holly Street Avalanche Response

One of the greatest assets about Missoula is the ability and willingness of so very many people to come to the aid of others, even when they do not know them.

Such a case occurred when the avalanche on Mt Jumbo buried three people and destroyed and damaged homes.

Within minutes emergency responders from all agencies were on scene and others on the way. Missoula City Fire, East Missoula Fire, Rural Fire, MESI Ambulance, Missoula Police Department, Missoula Sheriff's Department, USFS, Power and Water companies, Missoula Street Department, both Missoula County Search and Rescue Units, search dogs from the Flathead County Sheriff's Office.

Within minutes dozens of volunteers were on scene with shovels, probes and assorted other tools, to help in finding of victims and the rescue them. People were still arriving to help as the search for victims wound down because the victims had been found. Missoula Street Department equipment arrived, as did a privately owned tractor with a scoop, clearing snow to make streets more passable and to provide as much parking space as possible.

Businesses provided even more equipment, manpower and food for the volunteers.

There were far too many people who arrived to help to be able to list, and personally provide our thanks, so:

THANK YOU TO MISSOULA. YOU MAKE THIS A TERRIFIC PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK.