

Winter Trailhead Procedure (courtesy of Summit Mountain Guides – December 2013)

- Transceiver check (signal strength)
- Personal gear check (everyone has the gear they need for the day)
- Group gear check (Group has the gear needed for the trip)
- Local weather check (is it as expected? How will this affect the conditions)
- FACETS check (are human factors under control?)
- Obvious clues check (If possible to see avalanche terrain)
- Personal avalanche risk comfort level check (everyone still ok with going ahead?)
- Assign lead and tail positions (consider what gear is where in the line-up)
- Establish communication procedures (Stay in voice or visual contact)
- Communication device review (Ensure everyone knows how to use it)
- Emergency communication check (Check radio or sat coverage)
- Establish next regroup point if practical (so everyone knows where to go and how far it is)

*some of the **checklist** can be addressed the night before and others @ trailhead itself, depends on location

