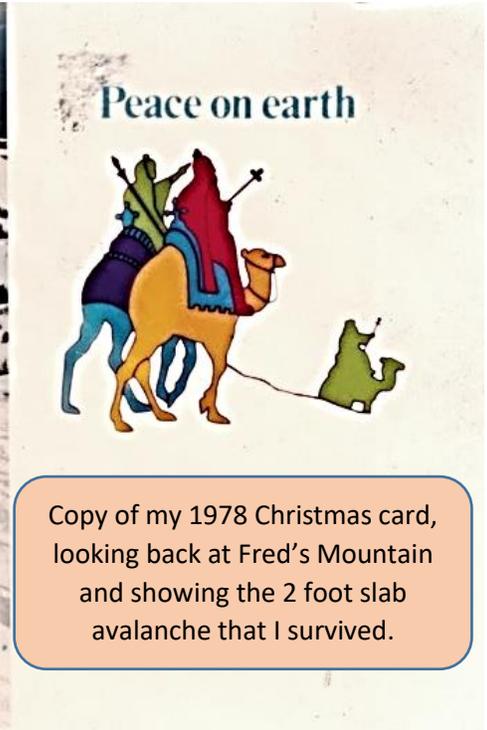


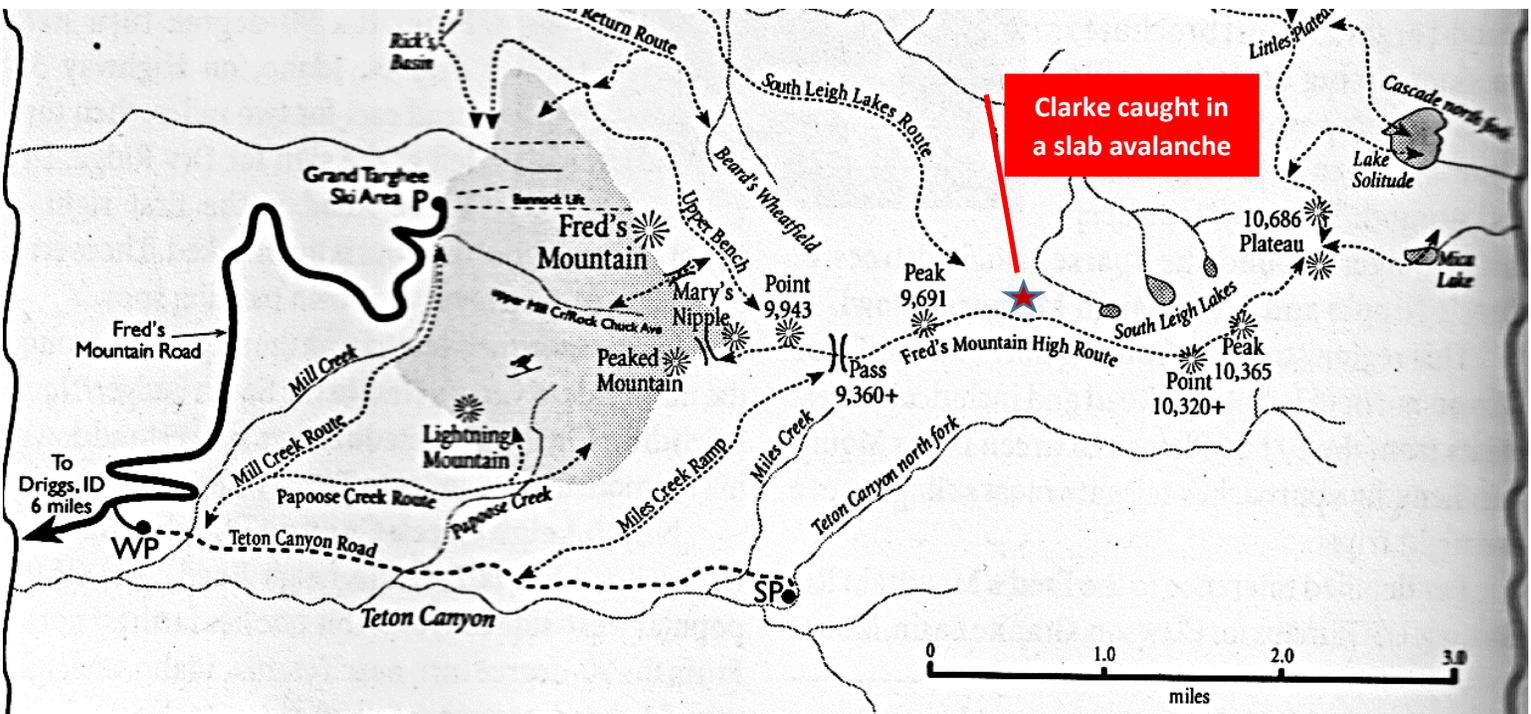
Peaked Peak

Mary's Nipple

Fred's Mountain (Grand Targhee)



Copy of my 1978 Christmas card, looking back at Fred's Mountain and showing the 2 foot slab avalanche that I survived.



How I got started in joining the Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol

From May 5 to 7, 1978 I attempted a solo ski traverse from Fred's Mountain to Jenny Lake. The trip was aborted when I triggered a slab avalanche. I was shaken, but not injured. My skis and boots were buried in 1 foot of packed snow. I retreated back to the parking lot and returned home with stories, photos, and lessons learned.

In the Fall 1978 I joined the Idaho Falls Nordic Ski Patrol and took classes in Avalanche Safety and Mountaineering.

Sincerely yours, Clarke Kido

