Recommended Generic Table of Contents
Avalanche Safety Plans

The intent of this recommended generic table of contents is to facilitate the development of avalanche safety plans required under the recently approved WSBC regulation, and to encourage reasonable congruency within and between sectors. It is hoped that organizations such as Canada West Ski Areas Association, HeliCat Canada, Backcountry Lodges of BC, BC Commercial Snowmobile Operators Association and others will use this generic content to develop sector specific templates for their members to use when producing avalanche safety plans for their individual operations.

Geographical description (overview of location and climate)
Operational goals, objectives, priorities
Supervision and reporting
- Organization chart
- Role – responsibility statements for all reporting levels through to employer

Staffing
- Numbers, qualifications and/or certifications for each

Training
- Initial and recurrent training courses (essential, desirable)
- On-the-job training objectives

Equipment, infrastructure requirements
- Snow & weather
- Communications
- Avalanche control
- Explosives storage, transportation and use
- Signs, fences, barriers, etc.
- Vehicles, office & storage, information and data management
- Personal protective equipment

Operational procedures
- Pre-season tasks checklists
- Data collection (sources & mechanisms)
- Daily agenda
- Hazard – risk evaluation
- Risk mitigations (avalanche control methods, as appropriate for the operation)
- Communications
  - Event reporting, check-in procedures
  - Information sharing (InfoEx, etc)
  - Public information
- Documentation
- Post-season tasks checklists
- Others, as appropriate

Emergency response procedures
Accident – incident investigation, reporting
Safety inspections, audits (quality assurance)
Appendices
- Avalanche Atlas
  - Terrain zoning
  - Risk assessment(s) as per WSBC requirements
- Explosives storage, transportation and use – WSBC, NRCan approved procedures
- Staff training records
- Equipment, materials inventories
- Compendium of all relevant legal, regulatory, contractual, other references

Recommended Generic Template