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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – Governor Gary R. Herbert has declared Oct. 24 - 30, 2010, as Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Utah. The week is an excellent time for individuals, families, businesses, government, schools and media outlets to learn more about winter weather terms and safety rules and review their winter storm preparedness plans.

Winter weather is a significant threat. In an average year, winter weather is directly or indirectly involved in 400,000 vehicular accidents in the United States, leading to 1,300 fatalities. Many lose their lives due to avalanches or exposure to extreme cold.

The National Weather Service has partnered with the Utah Department of Public Safety, Utah Department of Transportation, Utah State Parks and Recreation, the U.S. Forest Service, Utah Avalanche Center and the American Red Cross to provide winter weather preparedness information via a Winter Weather Preparedness Week Web site.

Visit <http://bit.ly/UTWinterWeather> to learn how to protect yourself, your loved ones and your livelihood this winter.

Additionally, the Utah Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and American Red Cross offer excellent information and safety tips for winter storms at <http://bereadyutah.gov> and www.utahredcross.org. Remember to make a plan, get a kit, be informed and get involved.