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Steamboat Ski and Resort Corp. employees ski along the Sundial trail bordering Morningside Park on Tuesday at the Steamboat Ski Area. One skier and a snowboarder have died this year after falling into tree wells and suffocating in Morningside.

Safety on the slopes

Ski Corp. officials cite education, awareness efforts about dangers

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The father of a 22-year-old who died Friday at Steamboat Ski Area thinks more signs pointing out tree well danger are needed on Mount Werner and at ski resorts everywhere.

"You've lost two people out there in two weeks, so it's obviously a problem," Stephen Daniel said Tuesday from the family's home in Auburn, Mass.

His son, Jared Daniel, died after falling into a tree well and suffocating on the intermediate Snooze Bar trail in Morningside Park. On Jan. 15, 45-year-old Mark Joseph Stout of Ottsville, Pa., died under similar circumstances, also in Morningside Park. Steamboat Ski and Resort Corp. officials said Tuesday that while safety is the resort's utmost priority, there are not yet specific plans to increase safety information to skiers and snow-

boarders about the dangers of tree wells.

"We're going to do everything we can to think through this and augment what we can do, especially when it comes to tree skiing," said Andy Wirth, chief marketing officer and vice president of sales and marketing for Ski Corp. and its parent company, Intrawest.

Ski Corp. spokesperson Mike Lane said skiing is an inherently dangerous sport and that resort officials have made

extensive efforts to educate visitors about safety.

"We have the (Skier Code of Conduct) printed on every trail map, and skier education information is displayed on TV displays throughout the gondola area," he said. "Our main goal is to provide a safe experience to all of our guests."

Routt County Coroner Rob Ryg said Tuesday that Daniel's official cause of death was

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	5.5 in.	Total snow†	283 in.
New snow — Summit	5 in.	Trails open	163/165
Base — Mid-mountain	60 in.	Lifts open	16/18
Base — Summit	72 in.	Conditions	Powder/Packed powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 18 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: www.cotrip.org



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