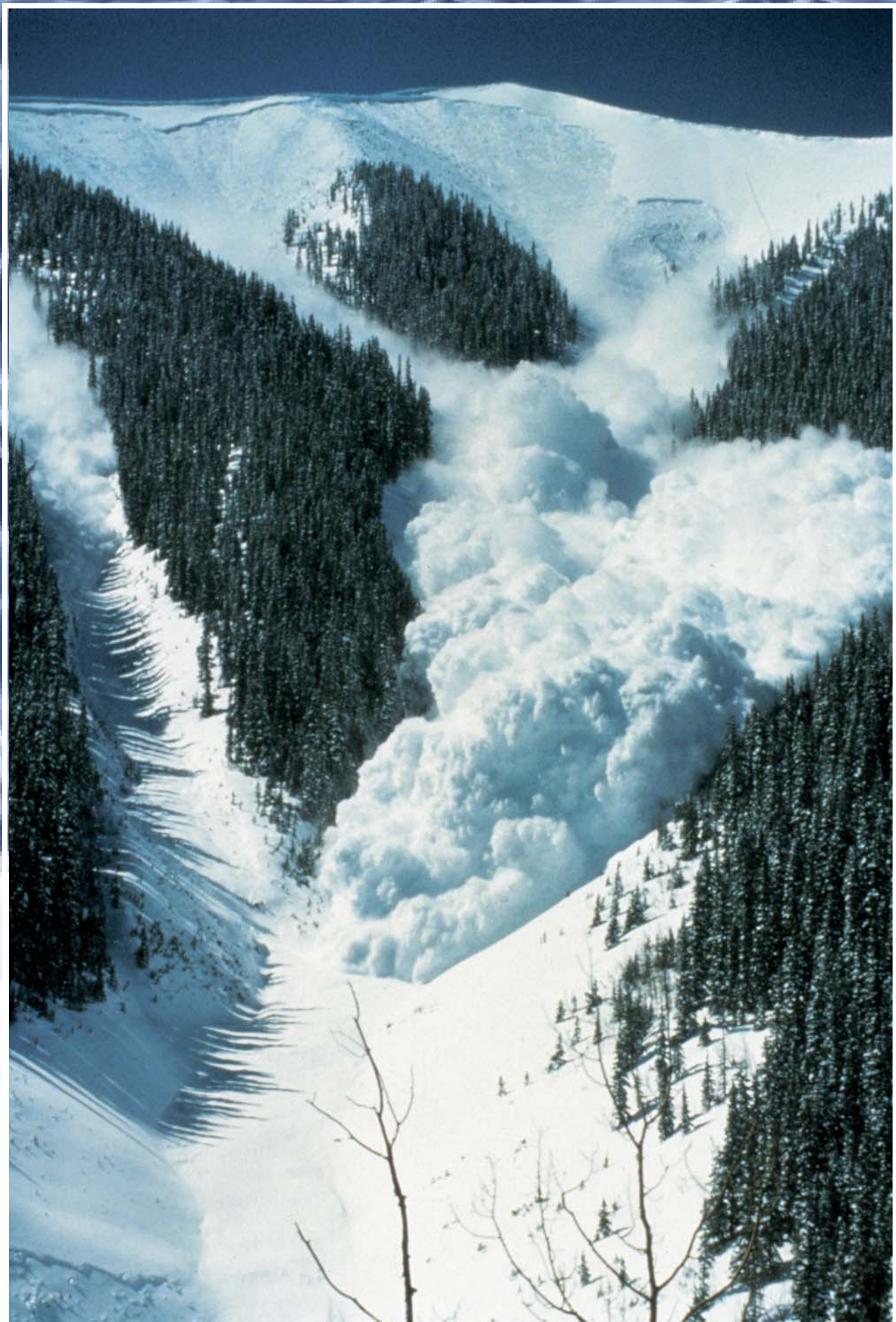


AVALANCHES

- IN COLORADO -

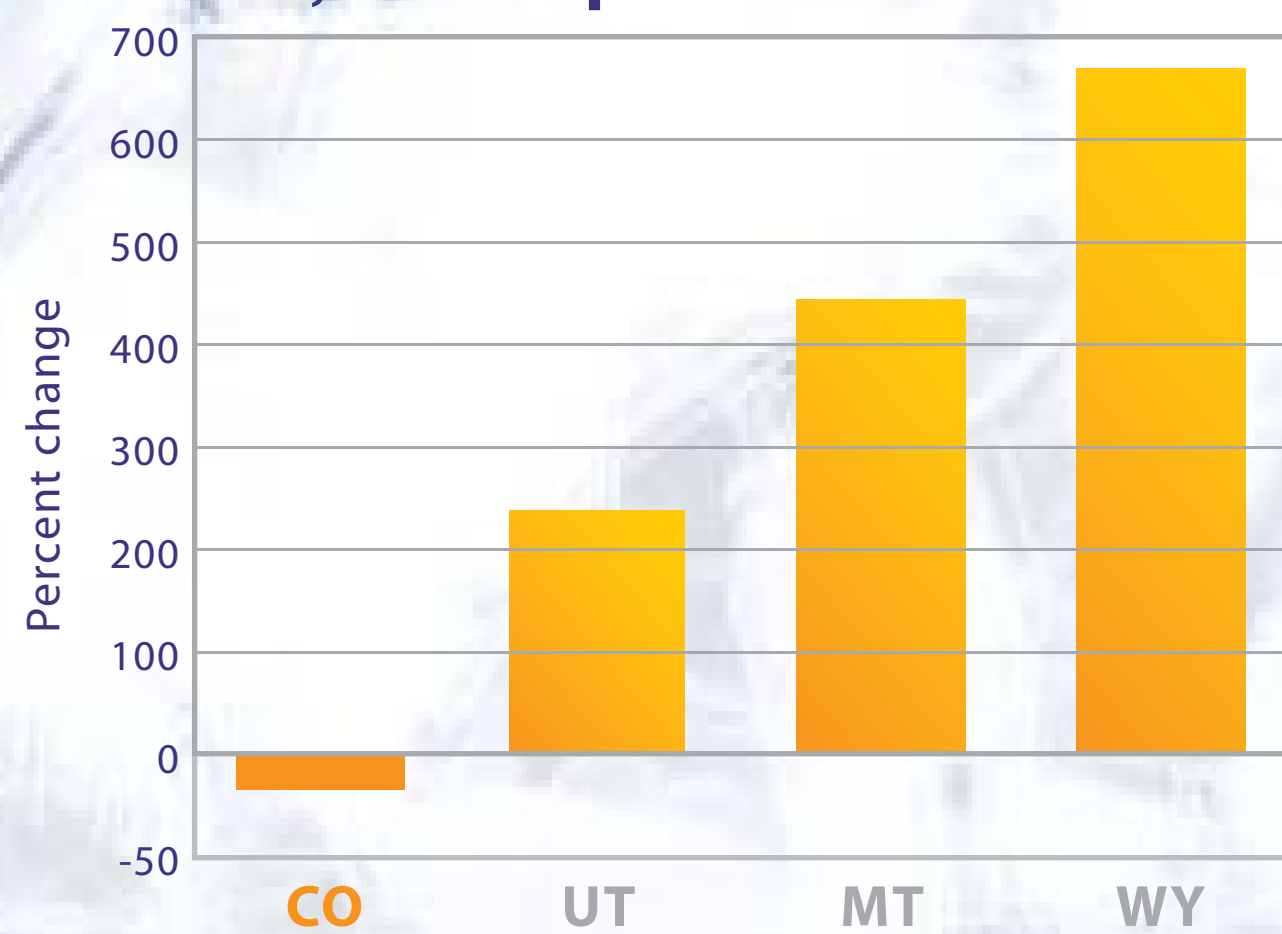
HOW AVALANCHES AFFECT COLORADO

-  Transportation/road closures
-  Ski Industry
-  Back country recreation
-  Damage to private and public property
-  Family and friends of victims



Huge avalanches are not uncommon in the back country

Change in Avalanche Fatalities per 100,000 Population 1990-2003



Our education efforts are paying off with fewer deaths per population relative to our neighboring states. Over the past 12 years CAIC has educated 35,000 people in avalanche safety.



COLORADO ANNUAL AVERAGES

- 20,000 (approx.)** Number of avalanches
- 64** People caught
- 6** People killed
- 300** Avalanches on highways
- \$5-\$10 million** Economic loss

FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED BY

- Colorado Severance Tax Fund
- Colorado Department of Transportation
- Colorado Ski Industry
- "Friends of the CAIC"
- U.S. Forest Service
- and
- numerous grants, donations from business, foundations, and individuals

web:geosurvey.state.co.us/avalanche

U.S. Highway 550 ("The Million Dollar Highway") between Durango and Montrose is Colorado's most frequently closed road due to avalanche danger



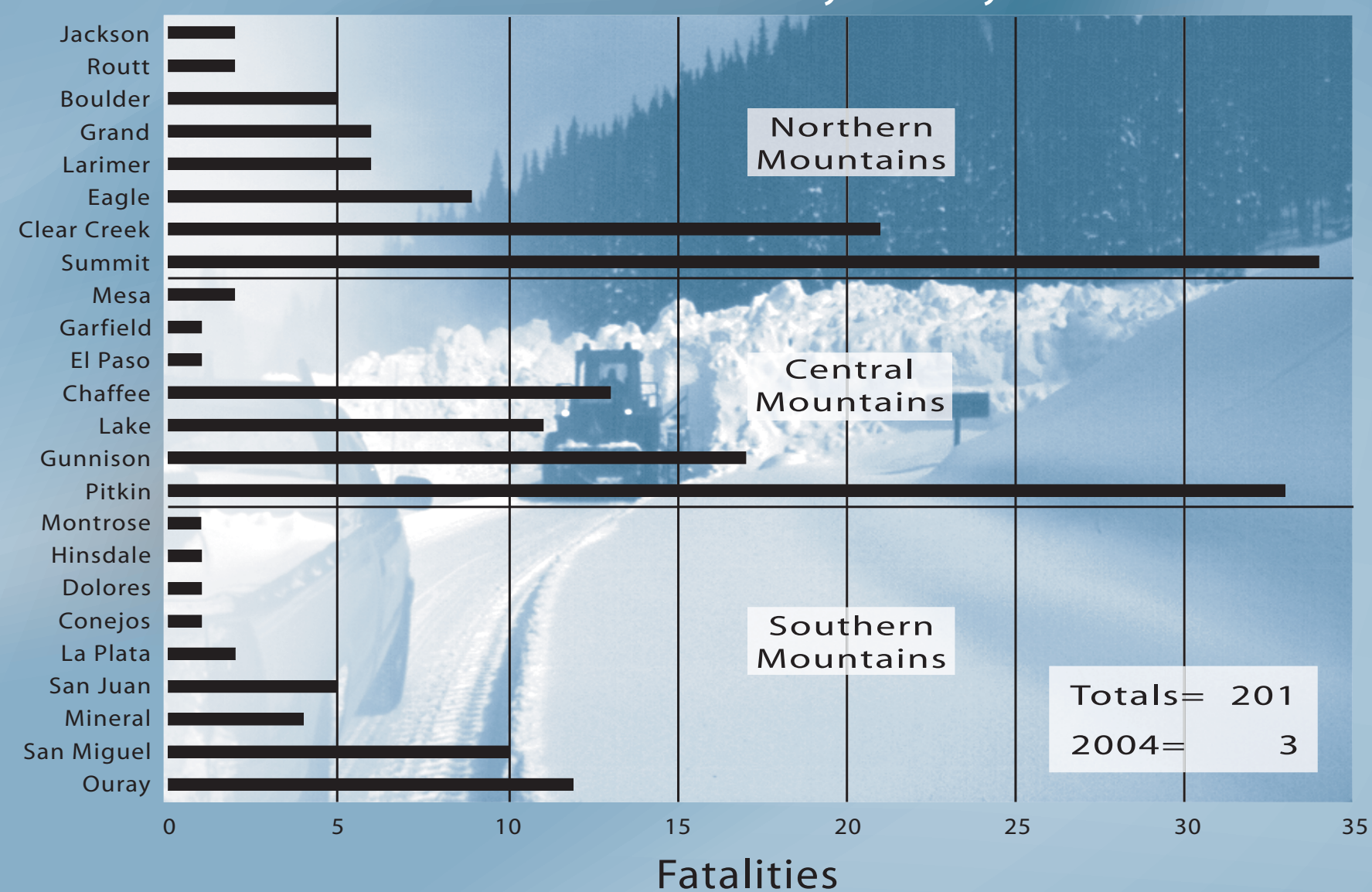
MISSION STATEMENT

The CAIC (Colorado Avalanche Information Center) promotes safety by reducing the impact of avalanches on recreation, industry, and transportation in the State through a program of forecasting and education.



Checking snow crystal type and layer data from a snow pit

Colorado Avalanche Fatalities by County 1950 - 2003/04



COLORADO GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

