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Tragic accident kills promising skier

VAIL -- A 13-year-old skier from Steamboat Springs, Co., was killed in a tragic accident while warming up for a ski race Sunday morning, Dec. 19.

Ashley Stamp, was apparently skiing on Vail Mountain here when she collided with a snowmobile, reports the Vail Daily Newspaper.

Stamp is the daughter of Kelly and Aaron Stamp of Steamboat Springs, and the granddaughter of Chuck and Barb Buhman, Har-

lan, and Dennis and Jan Stamp, Steamboat Springs, formerly of Harlan. Newspaper reports said Stamp was prepping for a race later that day when she collided with a snowmobile carrying two members of the race crew. The cause of death was blunt force trauma to the chest.

Stamp was a seventh-grader at Steamboat Springs Middle School, and was a promising young skier. She was a racer with the Steam-

boat Springs Winter Sports Club.

Newspaper reports said the accident occurred in a blind spot area of the mountain where a flat area meets a ridge and then drops off more steeply. Reports said Stamp and the driver of the snowmobile could not see each other.

A candlelight vigil for Stamp was planned Monday at the base of the Howelsen Hill ski area in Steamboat Springs. Services are pending.