

Mike Macy.

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Stranded

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"I killed time for a while, but then time started to kill me and I had to do something." With those words, 28-year old Mike Macy ended the story of his harrowing trip from Skagway to Atlin, B.C., on cross-country skis.

The Fairbanks resident set out from Skagway on January 23. His destination was either Atlin or Carcross.

"That was my first mistake," said Macy, who added that he should have chosen only one destination.

An experienced skier, Macy had already completed a 500-mile cross-country trek that took him from Lake Clark to Mount McKinley and lasted 2½ months.

This trip was designed to try out a new toboggan he had purchased as