



PROGRAM STATUS REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION

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2012/2013 Season

Goals:

- To broaden the understanding to the Division and Region directors of how they can assist and support avalanche instructors within their regions.

Plan:

- To collaborate with the Region Program Administrators and develop a roadmap to build an improved avalanche education program; Instructor Continuing Education Clinics, funding for National Avalanche School and International Snow Science Workshop, and build instructor knowledge.
- For the Avalanche Program to generate a degree of self-sustaining funding to support instructor education and participation in professional conferences such as National Avalanche School and the International Snow Science Workshop.

Accomplishments:

- Generated improved knowledge on the challenges in each region and steps needed to improve avalanche courses.

2012/2013 Coming Season

Goals:

- To provide an IT for every avalanche course in the Far West Division,
- To provide instructors with IT evaluations and feedback to improve instructor effectiveness.
- To schedule and complete Level 2 courses in the Eastern Sierra, the Mother Lode, and Southern California regions over the next two years.
- To improve the use of the 2008 Avalanche Instructor Manual curriculum.

Plan:

- To continue to collaborate with the Region Administrators and IT staff for effective program assessment & feedback to avalanche instructors.
- To mentor both candidate and current instructors to develop curriculum presentation materials and opportunities for avalanche instruction

Resources requested/needed to execute Plan – this season

- Program support for instructors to work with other instructors to collaborate to schedule and hold avalanche courses.
- A sense of satisfaction of working with other instructors to complete an effective and successful avalanche course.