

REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION —
EASTERN SIERRA REGION STATUS REPORT

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2011-2012 HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE: The season that refused to start and sputtered throughout.

- Strong working relationship with MLR: communication, training, collaboration
- 5 OEC classes held in East Bay, Tahoe (2 Intensive), Reno, and Incline.
- Morrow and Tatsukawa attended NAS in October, 2011 with financial assistance from ESR.
- 5 new ID Instructors: 2 from Northstar, 3 from Homewood.
- 2 SEM hosted by Squaw Valley and Homewood; 15 evaluated from ESR and MLR
- Senior Ski and Toboggan at Squaw Valley; __ evaluated from ESR and MLR
- 6 patrols submitted for awards: 1 Nat. Appointment, 4 merit stars, several annual awards
- Website continues to be a valuable tool and the place to go to get information (Rye Livingston)

Registration/Membership: 2011 = 537 + 61 SV Pros; 2010 = 557; 2009 = 554.

Financial: New treasurer, reviewing budget format; no dues assessed the past 6 years and again in 2013

PATROL REPORTS:

ALPINE: now owned with Squaw Valley by KSL/JMA; negotiating same benefits as Squaw; 3 cand.

DIAMOND PEAK: 22 patrollers; PR and others retiring due to health; starting Aux. group of patrollers

NORTHSTAR: now owned by Vail Corp, volunteers in all resorts same training and benefits; WEC at Northstar (?), starting Aux. group of patrollers, Tough Mudder in September.

HEAVENLY: also owned by Vail Corp; beta testing on-line refresher, closed; ~6 candidates.

HOMEWOOD new PR Dave Stromswold; permits for development in 2014; management shuffle

MAUNA KEA: 6 patrollers, concerns are recertification in OEC, OET and recruitment; ageing patrol

MT. ROSE: shrinking numbers; no new candidates this year thus far.

SIERRA AT TAHOE: will host SEM March, 2013; 32 active last year; 1 new this year.

SQUAW VALLEY: now owned with Alpine; 80 patrollers; losing ~3, gaining ~3 new cand/transfers.

TAHOE BACKCOUNTRY: 10 candidates 90% done; visiting patrol welcome; working in Boreal FAR

TAHOE DONNER: new PR Dave Low; ageing patrol, OET instructor(s) needed, Nye will assist.

TAHOE X-C: new patrol, PR Tom Moore; no snow, rough start; recruiting dual enrolled patrollers

GOALS, EVENTS FOR 2012-2013: GOOD SNOW FOR A PRODUCTIVE SKI SEASON!

- "What can the Eastern Sierra Region do for your patrol?"
- Continue to communicate and coordinate training with other regions in the Division. (ESR Advisors)
- Program Advisors teach and Instructors in all disciplines participate at Instr. CE on 9/15/12 in Davis
- Vote on bylaw revision at November meeting (ESR Board)
- Training for Senior Advisor in Denver, then schedule "Calibration" clinics for SEM evaluators; implementation of new Senior manual requirements (Training Evaluators, patrols hosting SEM)
- Recruiting and educational booth Ski Dazzle in San Jose and Sacramento (Jim Margolis)
- Purchase one Nordic Ropes Training Kit (ESR); purchase 2 kits for backcountry caches (TBSP).
- Avalanche 1 and 2 courses forming (Morrow, Chernin, Derby); dates TBD on ESR website
- Women's OET Clinic at Heavenly Feb. 24, 2013 (Trudy Nye)
- OET Clinic/Senior evaluation at Squaw Valley March 13-15 (Squaw Valley)
- Every patrol submit for at least one award ('11-'12 = 6 of 12; '10-'11 = 5 of 11) (Leilani Connolly)
- Increase paid staff participation in training events and membership (all ESR patrols)

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS

- Ageing patrollers: recruitment
- Retirement of Bill Person: new appointments to cover his extensive responsibilities
- Small class sizes in OEC this year and last year: recruitment, advertising of classes.
- MTR and Nordic Advisor positions open: appointments by November, 2012