



## FAR WEST ASSISTANT DIVISION DIR. REPORT

For the FWD Board of Directors Meeting, NSP

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Since the summer FWD meeting the Far West Division enjoyed a wonderful awards evening where our great patrol team was recognized for their outstanding contributions to the NSP and Ski Industry. The Division was also successful changing our focus of program delivery to a more sustainable and direct model. Early reports indicate the new focus is working and will have the desired effect of getting the supervisors out in the field working with more instructors, sharing knowledge, ideas and techniques. I think the change will help cement a standard level of skills across the division, a plus for all of us.

I attended the NSP 75<sup>TH</sup> Gala event in Denver in early February. The Gala was interesting, fun and laden with history. Meeting several patrollers with 60+ yrs patrol experience – at least two had National #'s below 1300 – was a great chance to connect with our early history.

Attending the National Board meeting, meeting and talking with almost all the Division Directors and Board members allowed me to extend my patrol network and share ideas and programs from the West. Each evening I returned to my room tired; yet, energized to help move the NSP forward towards the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Far West Division contains NSP leaders of ideas, programs and efforts to build our brand and define our product -- Well trained, ready to serve ski patrollers. I'm inspired to work to keep the Division efforts in place to provide programs for our members and focus on the needs of our Customers and ski industry partners.

Let's all take a minute and acknowledge the time, effort and dedication of those before us who served in the last 75 yrs, as we prepare for the next 25 yrs. Our industry is undergoing constant and subtle changes; I look forward to watching the Far West be a key driver in leading the needed change as we move to our 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary.

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