

Mountain Travel & Rescue mid-winter BOD report – 2013

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General: Snow pack is running approximately 60% - 70% of normal for this time of year in the Sierras. Conditions are very thin to construct snow shelters and to cover obstacles for good and safe travel.

Regions

- **Southern California**
 - 20 students at the November MTR I classroom and 6 students in the MTR II classroom portion. Classroom session was held during late November off-the-hill in a "combined Regional" format.
 - Field session for the MTR I was canceled for Feb 22-23 at Mt High East due to closing due to lack of snow. Rescheduled for March 2-3 in Big Bear Area.
 - Field session for MTR II will be March 22-24. Location yet to be determined based upon conditions.
- **Mother Lode**
 - Pinecrest Nordic has just completed their MTR I course and fieldwork on February 22-23. This drew 7 county SAR students, 8 scouts, 2 public and 4 NSP members for a total of 21. Conditions were marginal for good snow shelter construction, about 1 to 3 feet of snow.
 - No MTR II will be conducted this year.
- **Arizona**
 - Conducted a MTR I course with the field session held February 2-3. Classroom portion was held in the Phoenix area with the field session held near Ski Sunrise.
- **Northern California**
 - At the Summer BOD conference a schedule will be made for a MTR I course.
- **Eastern Sierra**
 - A MTRF and MTR 2 course were canceled due to lack of reaching the number of students the instructors needed.

Budget:

Funds used to date:

- New Manual Purchase (Amazon.com) \$ 626.24
- Shipping to FWD instructors: \$ 67.70
 - Total: \$ 693.94
- There may be other expenses.

Budget given to purchase new manual of \$ 600. Over by \$93.94. This may be taken from the MTR budget,

Plan / Goal:

Manual. The new MTR manual is in use. During December MTR National Supervisor Rick King, Intermountain Division MTR Supervisor Troy Walker, Eastern MTR Supervisor Rick Shandler spent approximately 10 hours total reviewing comments errors and corrections and now the amendment is posted in the MTR section of the website. This is in the public section so all students can have access:

http://nsp.org/about/nsp_programs/mtr.aspx

A Drop Box will be set-up for everyone nationally to submit corrections and topics so the next edition will be an easier task without the controversy.

Tri-Advisory.

- There was an excellent turnout of 41 paid participants, with guests about 65, on the weekend of November 2-3-4, 2012 for the camp-out in Yosemite Valley. Skill based clinics were conducted and all MTR instructors received credit for Instructor Recertification Clinic-MTR and a MTR Enhancement course was registered, with everyone who had taken a MTR course getting credit. A reservation at a special group camp site was arranged. Reason for delicate, the shirts were too nice for what was collected.

Total Receipts	\$869.00
Less Expenses	<u>\$874.47</u>
Total	\$ (5.47)

- Tri Advisory 2013 is expected to be weekend of November 1-2-3, 2013 (reservations are now pending). The same format will be planned.