



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
(Insert region name) EASTERN SIERRA REGION STATUS REPORT
Winter – 2012-2013 SEASON REPORT

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END OF SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- *Gain some/lose some: New patrol Tahoe Donner Nordic; Mauna Kea goes inactive
- *Two new PRs, two others retiring: Hugh McGuigan (44 years) Wes Schimmelfinig (50 years) patrolling
- *Tragic death of 28 year veteran patroller Bill Foster, age 53, in December (Alpine)
- *Avalanche: Four Level 1 classroom and five field sessions held at 7 locations; Level 2 included 14 hours of webcast lectures, 3 field days; outstanding new and experienced instructors (Chernin/Derby)
- *OET: TI clinics at 4 areas, 3 women's clinics (Nye)
- *OEC: two classes last fall (Concord, Truckee Intensive). Candidates already asking to register for 2013.
- *Senior: 3 Senior OEC evaluations (WEC, Squaw, Sierra at Tahoe); 2 Senior OET (WEC, Squaw) (Pinsky)
- *MTR: new ESR Advisor Matt Valites (Tahoe Backcountry Patrol)
- *Instructor Development: 5 new ID Instructors in the ESR
- *Bill and Molly Person moved to Fresno and are doing well in an assisted living community.

Registration/Membership: 539 in 2012-2013 (537 in 2011-2012; 557 in 2010-2011; 554 in 2009-2010)

Financial: Continues to be sound, no dues assessed the past 6 years and again in 2013

Report on Patrols:

ALPINE MEADOWS: Instructor toboggan clinic by ESR Advisor; mgt. to purchase coats for patrol

DIAMOND PEAK: New PR Drew Oliphant; SAR training with paid staff March 16-17;

NORTHSTAR: WEC this weekend

HEAVENLY: Avi I class in two weeks; Women's Clinic=20 participants from 5 patrols

HOMEWOOD: all toboggan recerts registered; development schedule for 2014; "seamless" with pros

MT. ROSE: Certified explosives clinic in March; purchase of air bags for patrol during AC work.

SIERRA AT TAHOE: SEM April 21; March 10 Code Yellow drill with paid staff.

SQUAW VALLEY: PR retiring (50 years), toboggan clinic March 13-15 SEM April 7 @ Tahoe Donner.

TAHOE BACKCOUNTRY: Nordic SEM next season; prototype for NSP Nordic SEM

TAHOE DONNER: New PR this season; 2 OETs in training; OEC challenge on April 15

TAHOE DONNER NORDIC: New patrol and PR; working with management on protocols

TAHOE XC: one patroller; meeting with Management after April 15 for next year.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

42 OEC delinquencies ESR wide, mostly clerical errors and candidates

Course registration "under the radar" RFA Proposal to the FWD

Recruiting: trade shows are good for exposure and "branding," but recruiting is area specific.

Certification of Senior OEC Trainers/Evaluators (T/Es): thank you for sharing the cost to send 3 to Denver.

Continuing database of Senior OEC and OET qualified judges; qualifications of OET judges?

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

Training events for Senior T/E's; now the real work begins once NSP confirms the process.

OEC classes in Reno, Truckee, East Bay, South Bay, and others, if needed

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