



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION  
**PROGRAM STATUS REPORT**  
**2013 – 2014 SEASON RECAP**  
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**PROGRAM: Avalanche**

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**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS** — (see separate report)) total classes — total participants

**Goals:**

- To generate more collaboration among avalanche instructors in the division
- To further build the capability of the Region and Division avalanche program staff to support avalanche instructors and their course delivery
- To introduce the updated avalanche instructor manual through regional CE clinics.

**Accomplishments:**

- Additional refresher courses and broader student participation
- Improved IT oversight of avalanche courses
- Continuing education – Mammoth Avalanche Workshop

Attendance of the National Avalanche Committee meeting in April 2014

**GOALS FOR COMING SEASON: 2014/2015 Coming Season**

- Goals:
- To continue the program objective of 100 percent IT participation of all avalanche courses
- Level 2 courses scheduled for the Eastern Sierra Region to enable candidate instructors to complete prerequisites
- Support instructor attendance of the International Snow Science Workshop, Banff, AB in September 2014. Two instructors are presenting papers. <http://issw2014.com/>
- Continue with public Avalanche Awareness presentations in the Eastern Sierra and Southern California regions and use as feeder courses for Level 1
- To implement the 2014 Avalanche Instructor Manual curriculum and update instructor presentation materials
- Plan:
- Continue engagement with Region Administrators and IT staff for effective program assessment & feedback to avalanche instructors
- Continue to mentor candidate instructors and current instructors to develop effective curriculum presentation materials and create activities to engage student learning
- Resources requested/needed to execute Plan – this season
- Avalanche instructors that are committed to organize and teach quality avalanche courses
- Program support to enable achievement of the avalanche program goals

**ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:**

- To receive input from all instructors for anticipated course offerings during course calendar development (July-August timeframe) .
- For selected instructor(s) to consider that its okay to register a course, identify themselves as the IOR, IT, and then not complete the IT reporting. This is a failure to recognize and acknowledge the responsibilities of the IOR & IT and contrary to Chapter 2, 2008 Avalanche Instructor Manual and Appendix H, Policy & Procedures, 2013-2014.