



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

*Summer Division Meeting August 2, 2014*

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**FALL, 2014 HIGHLIGHTS**

- ID: September 13 ID /Instructor Recertification clinic, Davis, CA, hosted by ESR/MLR (Jordan)
- OEC: 4 classes in South Bay, East Bay, Tahoe, Reno; maybe Marin County class; 2 exams. (Stepner)
- OET: retired and getting married in July, 2014 Congratulations! (Nye)
- Avalanche: changes in new manual will be given through Instr. Recert this fall. (Chernin, Derby)
- Nordic: manual to clarify Nordic classification and training for resort vs. backcountry (Yang)
- IT reappointments by Division Supervisors (FWD)
- Senior: 24 Trainer Evaluators from 6 patrols; ~20 interested Senior candidates (Pinsky)
- Equipment: 2 KED and 1 more airway mannequin for classes and patrol training use. (Barrenger)
- Awards: submitted 5 Outstanding, 2 National Appointments, 2 Blue Merit Stars (Connolly)
- Alumni: encourage registration and patrols to involve alumni; register secondary (Cooper)
- Certified: goal to expand Certified participation, training, and certification in ESR (Tatsukawa)
- Medical: letter to the SPM Editor published Summer, 2014; published response by Johe. (Margolis)
- Recruiting: 3 ski show booths in November in SF, SJ, and Sacramento

**Registration/Membership:** 538 in 2014; 557 in 2013; 553 in 2012; 557 in 2011; 554 in 2010;  
Registration does not include Pro patrol registration.

**Financial:** Continues to be sound, no dues assessed the past 8 years and again in 2015

**PATROL REPORTS::**

**ALPINE:** 6 candidates for Senior Program; 1 candidate; 3 patrollers retired

**DIAMOND PEAK:** 3-4 candidates; "Shadow for a Day" great recruiting tool.

**NORTHSTAR:** no new candidates this year; focus training "in house"; Pro Director now at Heavenly;

**HEAVENLY:** no candidates; new Pro Director from Northstar; Park City will be Vail in '15-'16

**HOMEWOOD** 3 candidates; breaking ground 2015; interviewing for a new Pro Director

**MT. ROSE:** several hold-over candidates, good results from QR code on recruiting signs

**SIERRA AT TAHOE:** 5 candidates; APP clinic in March; new radio frequency to include ~75 Hosts

**SQUAW VALLEY:** 5 cand. to replace 5 retiring; developments at the base and improved snow making

**TAHOE BACKCOUNTRY:** 2 candidates; \$5,000 grant to build equipment shed in Truckee; lift access via Alpine and Sugar Bowl for training in their backcountry; work party at Sierra Club hut.

**TAHOE DONNER ALPINE:** 13 holdover candidates + 7 new candidates; current membership 13

**TAHOE DONNER NORDIC:** 2 secondary members; lodge (horse barn) torn down; trailer this winter

**GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:**

- close 32 2013-2014 courses before 2014-2015 season starts
- to clarify Nordic classification and implement appropriate training for resort vs. backcountry.
- to improve the ESR website (easternsierraregion.org) to be the "go to place" for current information.
- support re-election of Bill Hummer to the National Board
- a safe season with great snow.

**ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:**

- Scheduling patrollers during early season/low snow conditions
- What is NSP to do to market the NSP brand to the general public to recruit new members?
- Patrols inquiring about Patroller classification for ageing patrollers.