



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
FWD 2014 – 2015 SEASON RECAP
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PROGRAM: Avalanche

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE — total classes — total participants

Courses completed:

Four (4) continuing education clinics with focus on 2015 Avalanche Instructor Manual - 30 participants;
 One (1) Avalanche Awareness course - 13 participants
 Four (4) Level 1, Module 1 Avalanche courses (classroom) - 51 participants;
 Three (3) Level 1, Module 2 Avalanche courses (field) - 34 participants; and
 Two (2) Level 1, Module 3 Avalanche course (org. rescue) - 22 participants

Cancelled courses:

Three (3) Level 1 Avalanche courses (all modules)
 One (1) Level 2 Avalanche For Rescue Personnel

2015/16 SEASON GOALS:

1. Strengthen instructor core by supporting continuing education for active instructors, mentoring instructor candidates and recruiting new instructor candidates (with additional focus on regions with few or no active instructors).
2. Improve course delivery by producing shared instructor resources, coordinating course scheduling and providing additional support/coordination for ITs.
3. Prepare instructor core for shift in industry and possible non-NSP certification requirements.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

December 2014 Level 2 course cancelled due to inability to hold field sessions. After consultation with IOR and National Program Director we determined that the CCR could not be filed with all students as “incomplete” due to AIM 2014 rules. A December 2015 classroom refresher session will be offered to students who completed all classroom portions of the course with field sessions to follow, conditions permitting.

All course fees for the above-referenced class were paid by check, made payable to the instructor of record in error. Those checks were not cashed and, when they were endorsed over to ESR, the region treasurer found that he was not able to deposit them. Being stale, we determined that all checks for the L2 course fees would be voided. Students who wish to take the L2 course next season will be asked to pay course fees at time of registration.

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