

**Far West Assistant Division Director
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Winter 2015 report**

This winter skiing is indeed in short supply for my Mountain, open ~29 days, I am ready to ski.

I continue as the FWD representative on the Certified Committee. This national committee is tasked with creating a resource study guide for Certified Classification. Progress is constant and positive with a document representing the goals across the NSP. The Committee was also tasked with defining the Certified Program – a more challenging task than it might seem. Progress on this topic is rapid within the Committee, a bit less so outside the committee.

I continue as a member of the task group planning Powder Fall 2015 at The Canyons Resort in Park City Utah. The event is a sellout with attendees exceeding 480 NSP members & guests with on and off snow activity for the whole family. Sign up today, registration closes March 11th.

Program supervisors are engaged with program delivery and instructor evaluation; to the extent the snow coverage allows. I have talked with Transportation, Avalanche, & Nordic and programs are occurring on a very limited basis.

Looking forward I suggest we work to help training staff engage and address the lack of training I suspect at most patrols due to the drought.

I did not attend the Winter Board meeting in Denver instead while attending Powderfall I will check in with the planned National Board meeting. I do keep up on the events and activity via phone calls and emails. Interesting times indeed, one item to watch, RFA 01-15 installing Education as a standing committee, giving the committee complete oversight of NSP education content.

Summer planning meeting was fruitful, creating a budget and reviewing Staff appointments. Change is a constant and the organization is stronger as we introduce new ideas at the program Supervisor levels.

Today my last skiing day was in early Feb in gorgeous Las Vegas staffing a toboggan clinic; besides the enjoyable drive to Vegas I affirmed you really can get anything you want in Vegas.

Thank you, Lance Vaughan ADD FWD