



**REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION  
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT  
MID SEASON — FWD 2014 - 2015 RECAP  
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**PROGRAM: Mountain Travel & Rescue (MTR)**

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**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS — total classes — total participants**

Four Level 1 (MTR 1) courses look like they will be conducted and completed.

As of this writing (Feb 25):

- 1 So Cali has had the classroom during mid-November. The first attempt for a field session has been canceled due to lack of snow and second schedule for the field session is planned for March 7-8
- 2 Mother Lode at Pinecrest Nordic - MTR 1 took place Feb 21-22. Seven students (1 PNSP candidates and 4 SAR from Tuolumne County and two from Scouting/ESAR. (Usually approx. 20 students attend this course mostly from county SAR units.) Held mostly on brown ground. Used tents (use of snow shelters is preferred)
- 3 Mother Lode at Bear Mnt completed a MTR 1 course with the field session on Feb 21-22. Nineteen students from CSAR (Calaveras County), NSP from Bear Valley, and paid patrol staff from Bear Valley. Had about 1 ft of snow at the 8000 ft elevation, with brown spots. Would normally expect 6 – 10 ft of snow.
- 4 Arizona completed their MTR 1 on Super Bowl weekend, Feb 1st. Details not submitted as of writing.

- No MTR 2 courses have been scheduled. Due to insufficient number of students.
- Tri-Advisory was a registered MTRE (enhancement) course.
- Tri-Advisory was a registered MTR Re-certification clinic for MTR instructors.

**GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:**

More SNOW! Attitude does get affected by the weather in the current season, and also the weather from the previous season.

at the National level:

All MTR Division Supervisors headed by the National MTR director to have a new instructors manual in the next two years.

Strategic plan in place for next season.

Ship snow and cold weather from the Mid-West and New England areas. They are hogging our winter!

**ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:**

When Crystal Mnt in Michigan has a base of over 56 inches, they are hogging winter.....

New National MTR Program Director, Myron Allen, from Wyoming. Should be good for the program. He patrols at Snowy Range, an Alpine Mnt, secondary at Medicine Bow Nordic area and very active in local SAR unit. I was part of the National selection committee. His goal is to have a new MTR Instructors manual in next two years, current one is 2003.

All MTR Divisional Supervisors are now reviewing and commenting for input on a MTR strategic plan as given to us by Myron.

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