



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
(Insert region name) - REGION STATUS REPORT
2014-2015 MID SEASON REPORT – due Feb. 25, 2015

FROM: GLENN MINUTH *insert region director name*

DATE: **25 Feb 2015** *Submission Date:*

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE:

Successful at reconstituting instructor cadre across two disciplines by taking initial training steps.

Registration/Membership: 96 registered

Financial: Completed 2013-2014 Annual Financial Report; set conditions for timely and accurate reporting for the 2014-2015 season. Region/patrols consolidated balance = \$25,377.06

Report on Patrols:

-Sunrise Park Resort Ski Patrol (SPRSP)-

*Passed eight new candidates from OEC class in two separate OEC courses, five from Phoenix class and three from Show Low class.

*Three new toboggan candidates have passed so far this year, with another round of scheduled testing due in March 2015, dependent on snow conditions..

*Patrol Secretary has successfully revived the "Sunrise Sweep," our local patrol newsletter.

*Held four separate patrol recruitment events in the fall.

*New batch of patrol apparel (hats/shirts) fabricated for sale to patrollers and the public.

*MTR and SES courses completed. Toboggan Enhancement course scheduled 3/7/15.

*Patrol is strongly supporting the Sunrise Adaptive Sports fundraiser to be held on 3/7/15 with three teams committed to participating in the event and have raised \$1,800.00 from our membership to be utilized in the adaptive skiing program at Sunrise.

*Year-End Party scheduled for March 21, 2015.

-Mt Lemmon Ski Patrol (MLSP)-No submission.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

General:

1. Issue: Obtain FWD assistance in motivating patrol directors and FWD staff to respond to requests for assistance and data calls.
Resolution: Still pending to date and requests continue to go unanswered.
2. Issue: When FWD promulgates guidance or taskings to regions, such actions should be accompanied (backed up) by appropriate policy citations from National P&P guidance or other applicable division or national guidance documents vice just making verbal or written statements without governing policy being supplied as backup.
Resolution: Pending.
3. Issue: OET written exams contain questions that are not reasonable or realistic in consideration of the total conceivable knowledge base and should be revised to pass reasonableness test.
Resolution: Initial reporting here, hence, pending.
4. Issue: National should not employ or apply "group punishment theory" to the OEC (or other disciplines) instructor cadre as a policy/management/discipline approach to the instructor cadre because of a few bad apples in the corps. The example is requiring the OEC IT to be sent the OEC final written exam test vice the IOR. The solution is to banish the violators and press on with the normal IOR exam administration procedure.
Resolution: Initial reporting here, hence, pending.



SPRSP:

- 1.) Proposed to area management to increase required duty days from 12 to 14, but count OEC Refresher at Sunrise and mandatory lift evacuation training at Sunrise count as duty days, as well as counting one training day for elective NSP courses at Sunrise, such as MTR, Avalanche, Toboggan Enhancement as a duty day as well. Waiting on response from area management.
- 2.) Like most of the west, Sunrise has struggled with the snow situation for the second consecutive year. Tested out toboggan candidates from last year's class early on 2/21/15 due to fear of not having sufficient snow in March to do so. Passed all three that tested on that date.
- 3.) Struggle with recruitment despite aggressive efforts at recruitment during the fall. They are puzzled at their lack of ability to attract new patrollers.

MLSP: No submission.

SEASON GOALS STATUS:

SPRSP: Reconstitute SPRSP's instructor and IT ranks:

- Step 1: Conduct ID course. Result: Doug Hill certified 11 patrollers in a Phoenix IDC
- Step 2: Conduct mentoring per assignments. Result: ongoing mentoring from all instructor candidates
- Step 3: Appoint and IDC IT. Result: one IT appointed after IDC course.

MLSP: No submission.