



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
EASTERN SIERRA REGION STATUS REPORT

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2014-2015 HIGHLIGHTS since August, 2014

- Hoping again for the Miracle March; Lake Tahoe fell below natural rim in Oct., '14.
- Fall, 2014: 4 OEC classes in South Bay, East Bay, Tahoe, Reno; 48 candidates, 2 exams
- Last Chance ID, OEC, OET Instructor CE clinic and Hybrid Cycle A refresher on December 7 at Diamond Peak; 15 at the refresher; 10 OET + 20 OEC at the ICE
- 18th Annual Women's clinic at Heavenly on March 1 with new snow and 18 participants
- Squaw OET Enhancement and Senior Clinic on March 11-13
- ESR/MLR Alumni Ski Day on March 18 at Sugar Bowl
- Mid-Winter OEC Exam at Northstar on March 22
- Senior OEC Module at Tahoe Donner on March 29
- ID class on February 21, 2015; 8 participants entering mentoring phase
- Awards: National Outstanding Small Patrol (Diamond Peak), 2 National Appointments, 1 DSA; numerous Blue and Purple Merit Stars.
- New equipment: 2 KED's and 1 additional airway mannequin. Region provides student OEC kits.
- \$100 donation to NSP general fund to support IT improvement; plaque on toboggan at NSP
- PR's increased communication from PR and mgt to patrollers has very positive effect
- New ESR Director as of June 1, 2015 Katie DuMont

Registration/Membership: 508 in 2015; 538 in 2014; 557 in 2013; 553 in 2012; 557 in 2011
Registration does not include 2 Pro patrols at Squaw and Alpine.

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

PATROL REPORTS:: (number is current registration)

ALPINE (58): 3 candidates, 1 transfer, target 45 active patrollers, mgt. good job with tough year;
DIAMOND PEAK (25): good holiday skier visits; open with 8 runs Jan/Feb; new master plan
NORTHSTAR (64): no '15 candidates, OET/OEC eval by paid staff; 30 cand. inquiries/take 10 a year.
HEAVENLY (96): no '15 candidates; new PR, skill checklist, online ICS course required
HOMEWOOD (43): 6 candidates; area closed end of January; more snowmaking 2015;
KIRKWOOD (0): year 4; patrol reactivated as registration unit for paid staff with OEC; PR Dore Bietz
MT. ROSE (16): open top to bottom; most snow in the basin
SIERRA AT TAHOE (46): 75 hosts, 30 on wait list; 5 candidates; Certified clinic well attended Feb.
SQUAW VALLEY (81): 6 candidates, "Complex 7" for Patrollers, 2 CE courses required annually,
TAHOE BACKCOUNTRY (50): MRT 1 and 2 and Avy 1 class completed; training at Mt. Rose
TAHOE DONNER (18): (Alpine) completed OTH refresher on 3 runs open, now closed, no cand. train.
TAHOE DONNER (11): (Nordic) good holiday count, 2 transfers, now closed, new lodge being built

GOALS, EVENTS FOR 2015:

- Recruitment and Retention: 2015 membership. Discussed causes and recruiting strategies at February meeting; combined statements and distributed to PR's
- September 12, 2015 is the Instructor Continuing Education clinic, Davis, CA, for ID, OEC and OET
- Continue encouraging patrols to submit awards for their patrollers (Leilani Connolly)

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS

- Definition of Nordic patroller for different venues: backcountry vs. resort? By May, 2014 was the deadline for a draft of a FWD manual and training expectations for different levels of Nordic.
- IT concerns: the need for a viable database that provides accurate and timely information.