



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION  
**PROGRAM STATUS REPORT**  
*FWD 2015 – 2016 RECAP*  
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**PROGRAM: Avalanche**

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

No change in course offerings/results since Mid-Season report in March with the following exception:

The SoCal level 2 course had to be cancelled when the final field session could not be completed due to deadly icy conditions in local mountains which prohibited off-piste travel.

Overall, we had extraordinary participation in L1 courses in most regions and great interest in L2 courses.

**GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:**

Inter-region sharing will remain a goal for next season with an emphasis on supporting NorCal.

Work with Region Administrators to create a simple mechanism/platform for sharing teaching materials and other resources.

Continue to support recruitment and mentorship of new instructor candidates.

Work with the National Avalanche Committee (NAC) to begin revision of the Avalanche Instructor Manual (AIM).

**ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:**

Filing of CCRs remains a frustration for IORs, sometimes requiring three or more submissions of records with national staff. I know a fix is in the works.

The issue of my inability to track payment of course fees and accounting for expenses in all regions has not been resolved.

An instructor credential transfer issue in Arizona region is still not resolved. I will follow up with national office once the new database is up and running, before the start of the new season.

Our inability to complete L2 courses has become an issue, as we have had courses stalled by weather two seasons in a row. I will raise the issue when NAC meets to review the AIM in April 2017.

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