

## REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION Arizona REGION STATUS REPORT 2015-2016 SEASON REPORT – due JULY 20, 2016

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## SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE:

Three areas (Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley, Sunrise Park Resort, and Arizona Snowbowl) had good to excellent seasons. Arizona Snowbowl is now under new management and is experiencing capital improvements. Region-sponsored Level 1 Avalanche Course occurred at Sunrise Park in January 2016.

Region-sponsored Toboggan Enhancement Seminar occurred at Arizona Snowbowl in February 2016.

Registration/Membership: Similar to last year. Arizona Snowbowl will be recruiting for a dormant volunteer patrol.

Financial: Unable to obtain.

Report on Patrols: Unable to obtain.

## **ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:**

Localization: Apparently there is limited interest in NSP activities outside the local area. This has challenged efforts to recruit Region staff.

Communications: There has been inconsistent and ineffective communication among patrols and Region staff.

Jealousy: Apparently, there was concern about an obligation for regional support of training for the paid patrol at Arizona Snowbowl.

## **SEASON GOALS STATUS:**

Recruit Region staff for critical positions, including Treasurer, Awards, Ski and Toboggan, and OEC.

Explore opportunities to initiate Region web presence.

Explore opportunities to reinitiate Region meetings, both in-person and web-based.

Recruit for Arizona Snowbowl volunteer patrol.

Begin the process of incorporating paid patrol instructors as Region resources for training in various disciplines throughout the Region.

Revitalize Senior Program.

Revitalize Awards Program.