



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
 MID SEASON – FWD 2015 – 2016 RECAP
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PROGRAM: Mountain Travel & Rescue (MTR)

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE — total classes — total participants

(2) MTRE courses with a total of 31 students

(2) MTRF courses with a total of 14

(2) MTR1 courses with a total of 26

(2) MTR2 course with a total of about 16

So Cal Conducted the room session for MTR 1 and 2 during late Nov with 1 field session Feb 20-21 at Mt Pinos with 7 students. Just enough snow for snow cave.

Mother Lode Pinecrest conducted much of the classroom via webinar with the field session completed with a good 7 feet of snow on Feb 20-21

China Peak held a MTRF course during last Sept. Hopes were to hold a 1 course during Nov, but postponed to next fall. China Peak has been IT'ed by the Pinecrest Nordic guys.

Easter Sierra Tahoe Back Country held a MTRE course for their patrol during early Dec. Now completing the MTRF and MTR1 course.

Arizona Cancelled the MTR1 course. Lack of students. Looks like there is only students for everyother year.

No Cal No course planned as of this writing

Tri Advisory was registered as a MTRE course, and a MTRCE course for the MTR Instructors needing recertification, Tony Atkins conducted the ID portion.

SEASON GOALS:

To have a new MTR Instructors manual for next season. Tri Advisory would be my goal to release to the MTR Instructors. Course requirements can vary widely in the current format.

Myron Allen, new MTR National Supervisor, (for almost one year now), has been very active in re-write of the MTR Instructors manual. Drafts of the first chapters for the direction of the courses now are being given to Division Supervisors (me for the FWD) for review and comment. During May-June all Div MTR Supervisors and Myron will meet face-to-face somewhere yet to be selected to agree on everything so would have for next season.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

MTR Outreach. MTR instructors met with caution to devote their time to teaching courses (such as at REI) to the public that would not benefit themselves or their patrol. Just taking-up time during a busy time of the season.

Pinecrest Nordic does provide to 5 REI's in the Bay Area the Winter Safety presentations. "It is convenient and does not take much time, but get very little of anything out of time time."

This season there is a great disparity of snow depth between the northern and southern areas.

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