



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
MID SEASON – FWD 2015 – 2016 RECAP
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PROGRAM: OE TRANSPORTATION

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE — total classes — total participants

A/O this date, FWD OET Instructors have registered a total of 98 OET courses. Registrations continue at a pace of 3-5 per week, a nice rebound from the 2014 and 2015 seasons. Projections anticipate a near - or new - record for OET course activity this season, with perhaps 130 total course registrations.

Activity levels per Region:

- Northern CA - 1
- Eastern Sierra - 25
- Mother Lode - 20
- Southern CA - 44
- Arizona - 8

SEASON GOALS:

Unscheduled visit to Shasta Ski Park completed, with sled clinics taught for both paid and volunteer staff. MLR visit to China Peak scheduled for February to deliver CE to key members of the paid staff; scheduled visit to Mt. Lemmon in AZ Region set for Feb. 20, travel to SV Senior Clinic March 16-18, where we will host National OET Program Director, PNW and IMD Supervisors and others, followed by a scheduled return visit to Mt. Shasta for St. Patricks Day clinics for March 19-20.

This week I will assist the 3 day Senior Clinic hosted by Mike Loy at Dodge Ridge, and we will also support the March FWD meeting at Dodge Ridge with sled clinics and other fun stuff.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

CE attendance at Davis appears to be problematic for some, primarily Fresno area, patrollers. DPS visitation is required to keep the peace and reinforce the need for summer travel to CE clinics. CE access is also an issue for the remote parts (are there any other parts?) of the AZ Region. I will seek to address those issues during my visit in late February. AZ business development at Flagstaff is problematic due to lack of Regional funding and might be an opportunity lost for FWD involvement; however, the true issue is the lack of Professional Division involvement in the OET program - which is in spite of the stated need for quality toboggan instruction at many pro-only resorts in the Far West Division. I would suggest that FWD senior staff send a letter to Julie Rust to once again inform her of the need for the Professional Division to engage with the OET Program.

We are looking forward to a return of some level of NSP IT system functionality for Program Supervisors, and are concerned that task prioritization effectively negates that return for Program staffers until next season.

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