



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
Assistant Division Director SEASON REPORT
FWD 2015 - 2016 RECAP

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS —

Big change from last season. A number of resorts are using runs that haven't been used for a few years. A lot of volunteer patrollers are coming home with smiles on their faces. Avalanche, Certified, & Mountaineering programs are reporting very high participation. Even with some delays and hick-ups, Arizona is having OEC, OET, and ID classes. Some resorts have hikers and trekkers in their proximity trying to summit SoCal peaks. Half way up to summit they then get stuck on ice fields and then have to have helicopter rescues of them. Or they slip, fall, and slide 100's of feet to a terminal result. NSP education programs could be more instrumental in outdoor travel with all the new winter travel equipment that is now available from local sporting good stores at reasonable prices.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

- 1. Continue to be an advocate to Division Advisors for support and counsel
- 2. Explore and develop non-NSP, winter travel classes at sporting goods stores
- 3. Continue to participate at regional and division clinics as a FWD representative.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

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