



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION  
**Director and Assistant Division Director(s) SUMMER MEETING REPORT**  
*2016-2017 SEASON REPORT – due JULY 26, 2017*

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**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS —**

- Snow, Snow, Snow, Snow, Rain, Snow, Rain, Snow.....
- Volunteers patrollers got re-aquainted with runs and terrain that haven't been available for use in years.
- Most Resort Patrols were able to stay open through the first part of April.
- Avalanche and Mountaineering classes had very large sign-ups.
- DD Bill Gibson & ADD Lance Vaughan visit to the Southern California Region. Over the two days, they were able to visit four of the So Cal Region Resorts. (Bill's first visit)
- A few California Resorts plan to be open through August which will give volunteers a chance to work on and improve their snow-sport skills.

**GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:**

1. Continue to be an advocate to Division Advisors for support and counsel
2. Continue to participate at regional and division clinics as a FWD representative.
3. Communicate membership comments and concerns to FWD board.

**ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:**

- More public are traveling to the higher elevations and want to participate in the outdoor winter environment. A number of them are inexperienced and getting out of their comfort level. Some of them are having to be rescued and some are having to be 'recovered'.
- I believe that NSP education programs would be a good vehicle to bring our experience and instructors to the public.
- We should be networking these education programs to Ski Clubs and the Sporting Good stores that might be having lower member / shopper / walk-in visits.

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