



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
MID SEASON – FWD 2016 – 2017 RECAP
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PROGRAM: Nordic

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE — total classes — total participants

The Nordic/Backcountry community is continuing to utilize each other's strengths to advance the needs of backcountry support. There was a recent inquiry to have a Senior Nordic Evaluation and ski tour, but more work needs to happen on a division level to interpret the DRAFT national guidelines sent by Rich Shandler and communicate to the community before executing.

I was able to travel to Mt Lassen NP to tour in that patrol's backcountry. Other patrols have received various communications to listen to their needs.

SEASON GOALS:

Continued work on competencies and exposure to the edge case techniques that will allow the patrols to become stronger, more efficient and a better resource to their local agencies. Travel and meet with the patrols on-site to talk/learn about their local needs, see their protocols, certify and re-certify on backcountry skills as needed.

Continue to develop an outline for a FWD Nordic and/or Backcountry strategic plan highlighting what is valuable to our community today and what needs to be developed for tomorrow to be stronger units for the public we serve.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

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