



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
(Insert region name) **ARIZONA REGION STATUS REPORT**
2016-2017 MID SEASON REPORT – due February 23, 2017

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE:

1) While storms continue to pound the mountains in California and are national network news stories, the Arizona Region also experienced noteworthy weather events. Mount Lemmon outside of Tucson failed to receive sufficient snow until early January. Then, a major storm left 3 to 4 feet of snow on top, coupled with 90 mph winds that toppled trees across the ski slopes and onto the main chair lift haul cable, damaging the lift for the remainder of the season. The area and patrol, after extensive clean-up, was able to open the small chair lift that services the lower mountain area. The area remained open for limited skiing through early February, with all scheduled patrollers reporting for duty.

2) Arizona Snowbowl opened a new six-seat high speed lift to the mid-mountain elevation in mid-November. This lift was intended to overcome wind and low visibility commonly associated with the older Agassiz Chair that tops out at 11,500 feet. Two separate mountain-wide icing events suggests the newer technology is not immune to 12 inches of rime.

3) Despite issues with the new corporate database, creation of the new volunteer patrol at Arizona Snowbowl (F021) is proceeding. Currently there are four candidates registered with this unit. In addition, a new Mountain Host unit was established to allow the existing Courtesy Patrol to transition into NSP with associated benefits.

4) Arizona Snowbowl hosted an Association of Professional Patroller (APP) clinic in early February. Over 50 individuals participated.

Registration/Membership: Registration across the Region appears to be consistent with prior years. Mount Lemmon (F029) has 22 with one candidate, Sunrise Park (F060) has 60 with 6 candidates, and Arizona Snowbowl (F021) has 4 candidates.

Financial: No issues to date.

Report on Patrols:

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

1) There is a great need to recruit new leaders for various positions at the Patrol and Region level. A common expression is "I just want to patrol." I have yet to spend the time to successfully bring new people into leadership roles.

2) I want to acknowledge the huge help from Nancy Stromswold with registration and OEC credentialing.

SEASON GOALS STATUS:

1) Recruit new program advisers.

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