



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

2017-2018 SEASON REPORT – due: JUNE 30, 2018

PROGRAM: Nordic/Backcountry

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS — total classes — total participants

The low snow didn't allow for much training nor support to the backcountry community this year. We continue to communicate across regions to listen to current issues and needs. Tri-Advisory remains the best forum to discuss and work through topics.

I continue to work with national on updating several different manuals to support this discipline. Once in draft, I will circulate for divisional feedback on a limited basis when possible.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Continuity of education and training standards across the patrols
- 4) Establishing a forum and means of communicating across division to allow for cross-training, membership support, and general communications
- 5) Ensuring Nordic Senior curriculum is up to FWD standards and can be easily communicated and administered across the division



ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

None being currently addressed

Are you planning on attending the August 2018 Board Meeting and Awards Banquet?

YES NO