



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION  
ARIZONA REGION STATUS REPORT  
*2017-2018 SEASON REPORT – due JULY 26, 2018*

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**SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE:**

Registration/Membership: Membership numbers remain relatively constant

Financial: PENDING

**REPORT ON PATROLS:**

Mt Lemmon Area received a total of 12 inches during the winter and the failed to open. The Patrol continues to hold monthly meetings, is working with 3 candidates, and is experiencing a shift of members to Alumni.

Sunrise Park was open for 87 days. In addition to limited access, the area confronted changes in management and infrastructure setbacks. Sunrise Patrol has 33 active patrollers and 5 candidates. Despite limited open terrain, a Women’s TES in February that included basic, senior, base and pro patrollers was considered a fantastic experience. Benefits for patrollers (vouchers earned per duty day) re-negotiated after aa multi-year effort.

Arizona Snowbowl was open for 144 days yet received only 99 inches of natural snowfall. The new Hart Prairie quad and loading carpet greatly diminished beginning skier lift-related incidents. The Snowbowl volunteer patrol continues to serve as a training program for the paid staff.

**ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:**

Maintaining interest and qualifications when ski areas become inactive.

Filling regional leadership positions given the number of active patrollers.

Continue to raise awareness of regional/divisional opportunities.

Difficulties of recruiting during years of no or low snowfall.

Geographical distribution of instructors and ITs.

Increase opportunities for senior-level and certified training within the Region.

Unique to Sunrise Park: Tribal ownership and management along with tribal sovereignty constrains interactions with area management, fund-raising efforts, acquisition and use of radios, and medical supplies and equipment.

**SEASON GOALS STATUS:**

Hybrid OEC in Phoenix area hosted by Sunrise Patrol.

OEC Refresher at Sunrise 11/3/2018.

OEC Refresher at Arizona Snowbowl 11/11/2018.

Offer another Women’s TES at Sunrise or Arizona Snowbowl. Offer a TES oriented toward senior skills in anticipation of the APP clinic at Arizona Snowbowl.

Support Arizona Region participation (Kristin Gunkel) in FWD Instructor Refresher 9/11/2018.

Formalize a Young Adult Patrol at Sunrise Park.

Continue to explore opportunities to expand regional leadership team and greater RD presence at patrol events.

Explore opportunities to expand NSP program in summer biking within the Region.