



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
Director and Assistant Division Director(s) WINTER MEETING REPORT
2017-2018 SEASON REPORT – due February 15, 2018

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS –

- Highlights have been over shadowed by the many Lowlights due to minimal resort conditions.
- Enjoying the 80+ degree weather at the beach cities in the middle of winter.
- Snoop Dog doing a 75 year anniversary concert at one of the local resorts.
- Ticket count for the one day Saturday event was over 15,000 (2 resort total)
- December & January snowmaking/grooming was excellent in Big Bear.
- Snow Valley new six person surface lift (6 pack) in full operation.
- Mammoth Backcountry X-country trails now open to spike-tire bicycles.
- June Mountain has been open to Avalanche, Mountaineering, & Nordic training.

GOALS FOR COMING SEASON:

- Increase the counseling contacts for our suicide crisis hotline.
- Continue to be an advocate to Division Advisors for support and counsel.
- Explain to the volunteer membership how the industry is changing with big corporations.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

- Lack of SoCal snow has jeopardized most of the on-snow training and clinics.
- Lack of SoCal snow has reduced and canceled some of the new candidate training.
- Lack of SoCal snow has reduced the resorts need of volunteers.
- FWD Board needs to think outside the box.
- What are some ideas & bullet points, to keep moral up with the membership?
- What kind of FWD communication can we send to reinforce the volunteer ‘value added’ benefit?
- Discussion of above is needed.

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