



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
MID SEASON – FWD 2017 – 2018 RECAP
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PROGRAM: Avalanche

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE — total classes — total participants
Courses started/completed to date:

Three (3) AVICE courses (Davids, Yosemite, & Mammoth Mountain).
Eight (8) L1M1 courses (ESR, MLR & SoCal);
Six (6) L1M2 courses (ESR, MLR & SoCal);
Two (2) L1M3 courses (ESR & MLR);
One (1) L2ARP course (ESR); and
Four (4) ICS courses (1 ICS1, 1 ICS2, 2 ICS3)

Scheduled for March:
One (1) L1M1 course;
Three (3) L1M2 courses; and
Two (2) L1M3 courses.

SEASON GOALS:

Assist in completion of updated AIM for 2018/19 season to American Avalanche Association guidelines for curriculum in new pro/rec track split.

Continue to increase candidate instructor recruitment, mentorship and certification.

Continue to increase inter-regional instructor sharing and joint training.

Offer at least one L1 course in NorCal.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

Lack of snow is making it difficult to complete field sessions for L1M2, L1M3 and L2ARP courses. The ESR L2ARP course will have to be cancelled entirely if more snow does not come soon. AZ region was unable to hold any courses this season and SoCal is taking students out of state to complete field work.

Lack of snow and lack instructors thwarted plans to offer a L1 course in NorCal.

Work on the 2018 AIM has slowed to a crawl, though I still expect it to be ready for next season.

Three new L1 instructors were minted this season, with more coming. One L2 application is pending.

Nancy S. is providing assistance with course closure issues as they arise.

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