



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION  
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT  
*MID SEASON – FWD 2017 – 2018 RECAP*  
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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE — total classes — total participants

The preseason Davis Instructor continuing education event sponsored by the Mother Lode Region & Eastern Sierra Regions, hosted approximately 65 OET Instructors on September 9<sup>th</sup>. This popular Davis event continues to offer quality information and a chance to network with other instructors to discuss techniques and tips for effective instruction.

A similar ICE event hosted by the So CA Region and scheduled for January 13 was cancelled due to poor surface conditions and rescheduling is proving to be problematic due to lack of snow. Some resorts that are open have cancelled all training for the remainder of the season in order to preserve skiable terrain for paying guests.

SEASON GOALS:

At this point, midway through our season and with snow levels hovering about 7500' and warm temps throughout the Division, most goals have been tempered by environmental realities. Senior events will continue as conditions allow.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

Recertification of instructors in the So CA Region will be a problem moving forward. There were a number of instructors who were expired in December, and the lack of snowfall and subsequent cancellation of the January ICE event removed an opportunity to return those folks to the instructor ranks. While we will attempt to reschedule the ICE event if conditions improve, at this point we foresee no significant change in the weather pattern.

It may be helpful in the future for the Region to adopt a preseason dryland refresher model so that instructors can receive recertification in the administrative aspects of NSP instruction, at a minimum. On snow instruction specific recertification events should then be held at each ski area as they open to provide instructor calibration prior to the commencement of toboggan refresher events.

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