



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
 MID SEASON — FWD 2018 – 2019 RECAP
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PROGRAM: Mountain Travel & Rescue (MTR)

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Program Supervisors are not required to attend Winter Meeting, unless requested by Division Director

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE — total classes — total participants

One MTR 1 class completed S Calif held the overnight session Feb 9-10 at Mt Pinos, home area for the Mt Pinos Nordic Patrol in the Los Padres National Forest . This is the preferred location to hold the overnight session, and this year there was approx 4-5 ft of snow, sufficient to construct snow caves. Seven (7) students completed the course, all NSP members.

So Calif also has a MTR 2 course in progress. Final overnight scheduled in late March, location of field session to be either Mt San Gorgonio in So Cal or Mammoth area. 4 student currently expected to complete One MTR 1 class in progress Eastern Sierra, Tahoe Backcountry Ski Patrol conducts. Final overnight will be in March.

Tahoe Backcountry recently held a MTR E course

One MTR 1 class yet to start. Mother Lode, Pincrest Nordic conducts, approx 7 students from county SAR units are currently signed-up with more expected close to the course date.

Yet waiting to see how many students sign-up

Arizona has canceled plans for their MTR 1 course as lack of interest.

SEASON GOALS:

Conditions are looking very good for the season thus far. Goal is yet to have a good turn-out for the Pincrest Nordic MTR1 course. in the past about 20 students from county SAR have attended.

there will be a National face-to-face meeting of MTR Supervisor at PowderFall in Utah. Main goal is to update the manual. Expected is to adopt selected chapters from Freedom Of The Hills and a separate SAR manual as FOTH does not cover this topic well.

I will be assisting instructing MTR courses at PowderFall with the National MTR guy, Myron Allen.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

need to promote pre-season in So Calif. In the past had a very good turnout of NSP members, but seems promotion is not as active as in the past.

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