



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION  
**PROGRAM STATUS REPORT**  
 MID SEASON — FWD 2018 – 2019 RECAP  
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**PROGRAM: Nordic/Backcountry**

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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**

Minor participation at the Tri-Advisory caused possibly because the venue was not able to be in Yosemite Valley as usual. There continues to be a constant drive to bring the skills and capabilities to a middle ground.

The intense snow has caused heightenend awarness in the backcountry.

Also, Wayne Wong of Mammoth Mountain Nordic/BC Ski Patrol will be shadowing my position to eventually take over as FWD Nordic Supervisor. No date has been set, but it could be as early as 2020.

**SEASON GOALS:**

- 1) Continued work on competencies and exposure to the edge case techniques that will allow the patrols to become stronger, more efficient and a better resource to their local agencies. Travel and meet with the patrols on-site to talk/learn about their local needs, see their protocols, certify and re-certify on backcountry skills as needed.
- 2) Continue to develop an outline for a FWD Nordic and/or Backcountry strategic plan highlighting what is valuable to our community today and what needs to be developed for tomorrow to be stronger units for the public we serve.
- 3) Continuity of education and training standards across the patrols
- 4) Establishing a forum and means of communicating across division to allow for cross-training, membership support, and general communications
- 5) Ensuring Nordic Senior curriculum is up to FWD standards and can be easily communicated and administered across the division

**ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:**

None