



REPORT TO THE FAR WEST DIVISION
ARIZONA REGION STATUS REPORT
2018-2019 MID SEASON REPORT – due February 16, 2019

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SEASON HIGHLIGHTS TO DATE:

Central Arizona and Northern Arizona (Sunrise Park and Arizona Snowbowl) are having a great winter with adequate snow accumulation. Sunrise Park Area continues to endure management challenges. Only two of the three lift areas operational. Southern Arizona (Mount Lemmon) opened in January for about three weeks.

Registration/Membership: Patrol registration was smoother this year. Mount Lemmon Patrol continues to hold monthly meetings, is working with a small group of candidates. Sunrise Park has a candidate evaluation mid-March. Mountain Host members at Snowbowl did not return.

Financial: The Region has a new treasurer. Resources are limited but stable.

Report on Patrols:

Mount Lemmon and SARA now have distinct and visible recognition. A key focus will be in supporting future OEC instructor recertification and OEC refresher cycle C with outside ITs and instructors. Sunrise Park Patrol working under a new GM, MM, and PD. Sunrise Park patrol has a group of Senior OEC candidates. A large turnover in paid staff at Snowbowl resulted in new people coming in and joining NSP as either paid or volunteer.

ISSUES and RESOLUTIONS:

Maintaining interest and qualifications when ski areas become inactive.
Filling regional leadership positions given the number of active patrollers.
Continue to raise awareness of regional/divisional opportunities.
Difficulties of recruiting during years of no or low snowfall.
Geographical distribution of instructors and ITs.
Increase opportunities for senior-level and certified training within the Region.
Tribal ownership and management along with tribal sovereignty.

SEASON GOALS STATUS:

Regional support for Senior Program and Womens Program
Regional support/oversight for Mount Lemmon and SARA OEC certification.