

**National Ski Patrol
Far West Division**



**Program Supervisors Status Report
Mid-Winter 2008**

Includes:

OEC, Safety, Transportation,
Leadership, Recognitions and Communications, Alumni, and
College Community Program Status Updates

**** Safety now includes NorCal and SoCal SAR Affiliate Groups**

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1 Program Supervisors Status Report – NSP Far West Division, Mid Winter 2008

1.1 Executive Summary

National Ski Patrol (NSP) Far West Division (FWD) has embraced a program-centric structure based on the delivery of NSP education and programs to its 1,800 ski patrol members, and affiliated members (SAR, dog handlers, and USFS) within 3-states (California, Nevada, and Arizona).

The FWD has program supervisors in each core NSP educational functional area (OEC, Safety, and Transportation), as well as Leadership and Communications.

This report is the Mid-Winter status provided to us from these FWD program supervisors. Readers should reference the 2007-2008 FWD Program Guide which serves as the basis for program planning for this season. This report is an update to that program planning and budgeting document. This document is located online at www.farwest.org documents library.



The National Ski Patrol (NSP) Far West Division (FWD) will continue to support the NSP Charter.

The National Ski Patrol Charter is:

The purpose of NSP is to promote, in every way, patriotic, scientific, educational and civic improvement activities and public safety in skiing, by such means as dissemination of information and formation of volunteer local patrols consisting of competent skiers trained in first aid for the purpose of preventing accidents and rendering speedy assistance to individuals sustaining accidents (36 USC Sec 152701–Statute)

1.2 NSP FWD Outdoor Emergency Care

Update for the Sky Tavern Division Mid Winter Meeting. 2-27-08

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Mission/Objectives:

To be in alignment with the goals of the National OEC director and program. To facilitate the development of the best Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) training, testing and quality assurance to all FWD patrollers, OEC Instructors and Instructor Trainers. Improve alignment, communication and to better share ideas between National, Region and local Hill OEC protocols. Support and provide the FWD OEC Instructor Trainers the tools in which to build and maintain a knowledgeable and experienced Instructor base within each Region.

Overview of the OEC Supervisors Meeting Dec. 7-8th in Denver, Co

- **National Chairman Terry LaLiberte.**
 - Recently filled 4 empty board seats now have a total of 13 Directors.
 - Key issues to deal with:
 - OEC affiliate program
 - OEC 5th edition
- **Executive Director Tim White**
 - Priorities are the Instructor Training Program and the iMIS database.

- Reviving the Mountain Host programs.
- Better ways to monitor and insure Quality of our programs.
- **National Medical Advisor Dr. Michael Millin**
 - Define who we are as specialized health care professionals.
 - When it comes to OEC, no difference whether it is paid or volunteer.
 - How do we ensure quality of care?
 - Program needs to be consistent in **content and methods**.
 - What IS our Standard of Care? What should it be?
 - Revitalize the Outdoor First Care program.
 - NSP has been working with state EMS to find out what EMS allows for ski patrollers to do, administer 02, glucose, aspirin, epi pens, etc.. Each state has different levels. There is no real national model. Each state regulates EMS standards.
- **Education Director Denis Meade**
 - In the process of development of a strategic plan.
 - Delays in the release of OEC 5th edition are due to the needing of more time to assess the current materials and survey the users.
 - OEC 5th edition is being scheduled for release in March of 2010.
 - EMS community is looking to increase the EMT-B requirement from 110 hours to 150-190 hours. If this happens, OEC will fall into the Emergency Medical Responder category.
 - Considering an EMT bridge, but not until Fall 2008.
 - Want to steer clear of the EMS regulation if at all possible.
 - Considering developing education module “add-ons” to customize our curriculum to the needs of the individual ski areas.
 - Possibly the development of modules in conjunction with outside organizations, such as whitewater rafting, mountain biking, and others.
 - Currently have 33 affiliate agencies with 76 members.
 - Reminder for registration process. 30 days prior to the start of a course, it must be registered. Enrollment fees are due 30 days after the course is registered.
- **OEC Supervisor Issues:**
 - Clarify for the basic final practical exam, what is meant by “1 on each” for how many scenarios or skill stations are allowed to re-test on the day of the final? **There was not a clear cut answer.**
 - Many Instructor of Records (IOR) were clearly NOT following the mandatory OEC practical for the basic OEC final exam.
 - IORs were reportedly sending the written exam home as “take home” final or giving as group final exam. Clearly Not following protocol.
 - A Senior Evaluator Manual is being discussed and developed. Senior should be standardized across the U.S.
 - Senior courses need to be added to the database for course registration.
- **Technology/database issues:**
 - Need to be able to track the Instructor records that have been submitted online.
 - Ability for the Region OEC Advisor to have access to the NSP OEC database.
 - Return of the NSP OEC Zone that contained many high quality approved powerpoint and documents covering new and old OEC topics.
- **Action items:**
 - Need some Senior level scenarios written from each Division by March 1st ‘08
 - Looking for a few good reviewers for OEC 5th edition. Please submit a short cover letter letting me know where you would like to contribute.
 - National is looking for some newly written Senior level scenarios to update the test bank.
- **Far West Division OEC Year in review-**
 - 183 OEC students registered in courses within the FWD.
 - 99 more students enrolled in current OEC courses.
 - 38 OEC refreshers held
 - 7-9 Senior Events attended.

Path forward in '07-'08 season:

- Continue to improve communication at ALL levels of the NSP. I will have conference calls throughout the season with the regions to discuss upcoming Division OEC events, OEC delivery, quality assurance and assist with any issues.
 - March '08. Resorts will be winding down. FWD OEC conference call to discuss any OEC issues that arose during the season. Solicit a summary of OEC activities from each Region.
- Scheduled visits are as follows:
 - Try to visit with the Az region to meet with as many of the Instructor Trainers, Patrol reps and Instructors as possible. There have been some changes in management at some of the AZ resorts as well as new ITs and instructors. A visit would provide the perfect venue to report on any new directions of OEC from National as well as to listen to the local OEC technicians on how OEC is working at their respective resorts and how the program can be improved. Discuss plans to improve OEC challenge courses and Instructor refreshers. Discuss the interactions and responsibilities of the NSP patroller vs. hill management requirements and their "accepted level of care".
 - Visit Piedmont OEC practical final. Due to conflicting NSP events, I was not able to attend the Piedmont final, but ESR OEC Region Advisor Ken Fuiks stepped up to the plate and held an extremely successful and well received Instructor's refresher. Thanks Ken.
 - Nov '08 Tri-advisory. Offer an OECES segment where participants can get Senior Elective credits. Lead discussions regarding the direction of the National OEC program.
- Build the Instructor Trainer's (IT) knowledge and provide them with the necessary tools to do their jobs.
 - Require IT training to all new Its and refreshers to seasoned Its.
 - Provide updated NSP database reports of all future, current and delinquent courses.
 - Align the Instructor Development course better with the current mentoring program.
 - Reduce the number of delinquent OEC course closures
- Reduce the number of NSP members that are not current with their OEC refreshers.
- Encourage all patrollers to become more involved with some of the Division sponsored educational/recreational events like the Tri-advisory in Yosemite and the Spring Fling at Sky Tavern.
- Solicit new ideas and constructive criticism towards improving our Division OEC program.
- Continue working with the National OEC Committee on standardized OEC practical finals, improving the written OEC final, establishing IT training guidelines and contributing to OEC 5th edition.

Lastly but most important:

BRING BACK THE FUN TO OEC and Ski Patrol. Enjoy the very reasons that most of us joined this organization... To enjoy our free time with some great friends with the common interest of helping people out on the hill in a beautiful alpine environment! Take a deep breath and enjoy the fresh scent of pine and picturesque scenery.

Be Safe. *Warmest regards,* Keith Tatsukawa

1.3 NSP FWD Safety Programs

1.3.1 Avalanche (Ava) – Tom Duffy

This season has been one of the deadliest avalanche seasons in recent memory, and we are only in the first week of February. To date, there have been 30 deaths in the US and another 11 in Canada. (www.avalanche.org)

The last 2 weeks have seen a very heavy period of avalanche activity in the Sierras. Two intense back to back storms brought several feet of snow across the western United States. There have been numerous reports of avalanches in both Northern and Southern California.

Three unrelated avalanches resulted in fatalities over the January 24-25 weekend outside of the Mountain High ski resort. Very unfortunately, 2 of the 3 victims had ski patrol connections. Michael McKay was a Mountain High pro patroller, who was off duty and skiing out of bounds. Darrell Coffey was a former ski patroller.

Jeff Pierce, Southern California Region Avalanche Advisor, along with several other NSP patrollers, was instrumental in searching for and recovering two of the three victims. Two of the three victims had avalanche beacons. Reported burial depths were very deep (9'-12'). For report, go to <http://www.avalanche.org/av-reports/proc-show.php3?OID=20116985>.

On January 28, 2008, another fatality occurred in the Pear Lake – Tokopah Canyon area of Sequoia National Park, this time to a winter hiker, with beacon. Recovery of the victim was delayed by a day due to conditions. For report, go to <http://www.avalanche.org/av-reports/proc-show.php3?OID=20185071>.

On February 3, 2008, a 12' avalanche crossed the entrance road to Alpine Meadows, which caused the resort to close for the day.

On February 3, 2008, a Bear Valley pro patroller was caught and buried in an out of bounds avalanche while searching for a lost skier. Due to quick action by his partner, he was dug out within 5 minutes, and was not injured. The lost skier was eventually recovered, without injury, well after dark.

In this context, the avalanche education programs put on by NSP are critical. As was seen in Southern California, avalanche rescues and searches will generally involve several different agencies – local sheriff's department, local SAR groups, dog handlers, USFS, and ski patrols. To be effective in an avalanche rescue, it is important that these groups train and work together so that they understand each group's role, capabilities, and procedures.

To that end, on Feb. 23-24, Jeff Pierce is putting on a combined Avalanche Rescue Fundamentals and Level I course in Southern California, with an estimated attendance of 100 people, mostly SAR. In the future, we need to follow Jeff's example, and reach out to the SAR community for more avalanche training to SAR groups, USFS and sheriff's agencies.

Northern California has offered a number of different Level I programs this season. Heavenly Valley, Tahoe Backcountry, and Pinecrest Nordic have or will complete Level I programs by the end of this month.

Mike Laney is doing an interesting new pilot extended Level I course at Sugarbowl, which may find its way into the curriculum.

There was one request in January for a course at Diamond Peak which could not be accommodated due to the timing of the request, the existing course load of the instructors, and the availability of numerous other Level I courses in and around the Tahoe Basin. They have been invited to participate in Don Shockey's course at Heavenly Valley.

There are two different Level II programs – one at Tahoe Basin (Feb. 2-3 and Feb. 23-24 - Phil Chernin – IOR) and one at Las Vegas Ski and Snowboard Resort (Mar. 7-8 and Mar. 22-23 - Mike Laney – IOR).

The Tahoe Basin Level II has an interesting curriculum experiment – with one classroom day, one backcountry field session, and two alpine in-area field sessions, with a heightened emphasis on real world stability assessments, safe travel in avalanche terrain, and both backcountry and in-area rescue procedures. The Level II course wants to especially recognize and thank Tahoe Donner Ski Area, which provided last minute comp tickets for the class when the Feb. 2-3 storm prevented us from getting up to Mt. Judah.

On balance, the program division wide seems to be fulfilling the perceived needs of the FWD for av courses. Our growth area in the future will probably be in combined SAR/patroller courses.

Funds from the budget will be expended for Mike Laney's travel to National Avalanche Committee, per BOD approval, and for IT travel to Las Vegas for Level II course. The Level II Tahoe course will result in an unbudgeted net income of approximately \$200+ to the Division.

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Comment/response from Stephen Simi: It'd be nice to status Mike's efforts on the new Ava manual, and that FWD funded him attending the National BOD meeting where he presented the Ava program, and that all Divisions have committed to co-fund a follow-on working meeting to assist Mike in the completion of this effort. Comment/response from Jeff Gurrola: And/or it would be great to know the details of how the program changes will be rolled-out. Not only would the PR's like to know what classes will be offered, but also the instructors. If its too early to show the plan - not a problem. Knowing when to expect the information would be also very useful. This has been the most exciting change in our programs in my opinion. I might also think this model would be useful for MTR curriculum as well....Thanks Tom - *Great report!!!*

1.3.2 NSP Avalanche Program Director's Report to NSP Far West Division – Mike Laney

Introduction

Far West Division generously funded my attendance at the NSP Board of Directors mid-winter meeting in Denver, January 11-12, 2008. Upon arrival, I was informed that the BOD had questions regarding the status of the program—whether it was current, relevant and viable. Though not scheduled to speak on the program's behalf, I was given several minutes to address the BOD, Division Directors, NSP staff and others in attendance. My position was that the NSP Avalanche program is indeed relevant and viable and is presently being updated to meet and exceed current avalanche education standards.

Relevance

The NSP program is relevant because it alone addresses the avalanche education standards needed for patrollers and other SAR personnel. American Avalanche Association Level 1 and 2 avalanche education standards and guidelines are written for educating recreationists. It has established an avalanche education classification system that includes professional-level courses beyond Level 2 courses, but does not venture into specific topics or skills for that classification.

NSP pioneered avalanche education in the U.S. in the 1940s. It was focused on ski patrols and Forest Service snow rangers. It was only recently that avalanche education shifted from a hazard mitigation/rescue orientation to a prevention orientation through education of backcountry users. The relatively young American Association of Avalanche Professionals, now known as the American Avalanche Association (A3), focused on establishing standards and guidelines for educating recreationists. The NSP continued to focus on the rescue side.

For nearly a decade, organized rescue was generally viewed as a hopeless cause. If education of recreationists worked, avalanche incidents would be reduced; if not, it was reasoned that only companion rescue would provide a reasonable opportunity for finding anyone alive. In practice, this has not been the case. Avalanche incidents/fatalities have continued to increase and there is data to suggest that the current approach to avalanche education has not only been ineffective, it may actually promote risk taking in certain cases.

As for companion rescue, there is an appallingly small portion of backcountry users who are prepared to conduct an effective one. Even if an avalanche victim is quickly found, organized rescue still has a major role to play if the victim is injured, or the party has lost equipment needed to continue on, or is stranded by approaching darkness, foul weather and/or increasing avalanche hazard. In practice, the need for quick, competent organized rescue response has grown, not diminished. NSP is uniquely poised to fulfill training needs for patrollers and other avalanche SAR responders.

Viability

Within NSP the Avalanche Program is small, especially in divisions that lack significant avalanche terrain. On the other hand, its importance is vital in areas where patrollers and other SAR personnel work in significant avalanche terrain. From this perspective, NSP is a major provider. NSP has been very quiet about its avalanche education capability for the past several years. I believe that given appropriate exposure, there will be increasing demand for our courses.

Currency

The NSP curriculum has not changed much since 2001, whereas avalanche knowledge, hazard assessment techniques, decision making tools and rescue technology have made significant strides at increasing rates. The curriculum is overdue for an overhaul. The NSP National Avalanche Committee has been addressing this need since November 2006. It has revised lesson guides, and created new curriculum for entry into educating the public, should our instructors choose to do so. Program quality management has been addressed with specific standards and guidelines. Instructor support materials are being expanded and enhanced. The NSP publication, [Avalanche Rescue Fundamentals](#), is being rewritten to reflect the latest standards in avalanche rescue management and technology.

Where We Are

The major work is done. To ensure that we have a useful and high-quality product, the material is undergoing widespread peer review. This includes conducting and evaluating pilot courses this season, followed by additional

fine-tuning. A completely revised NSP Avalanche program should be ready for launch by September 2008. The credibility of the program can only be established by what we put into practice after that.

Implications for Far West Division

As a major consumer and provider of NSP avalanche education, this division stands to benefit from support of this program. There are many untapped sources for program growth and for enhancing the value of Far West Division NSP for stakeholders in avalanche education and rescue outside of the organization.

Conclusion

Thanks to the Far West Division's generosity, I was able to present a case for continued and enhanced support for the NSP Avalanche program. Questions raised by BOD members, Division Directors and other stakeholders need to be addressed further, but this is an encouraging start for getting the program back on the path of prominence in the avalanche community.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Laney –NSP Avalanche Program Director, February 5, 2008

Post script- at the National MWM, Stephen arranged each Division to fund and support the completion of Mike's educational efforts and support a working meeting – tbd. I will request that the BOD support funding this effort.

1.3.3 Mountain Travel and Rescue (MTR) – Karl Chulski

Mountain Travel & Rescue mid-winter BOD report – 2008

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During February is the middle of the season for the MTR courses. As the classroom portion and field work portion of the courses are separate, many times by several weeks, exact number of students will not be known until the Summer BOD report.

Thus far:

Southern California Region has had approximately 29 students at the November MTR I classroom portion and 8 students at the MTR II classroom portion. Fieldwork has yet to be completed.

Mother Lode at Sierra Summit, where there had been only one patroller out of the approximately 120 that had taken MTR I, a MTR I course is in process. 9 Students attended the classroom portion (field has not taken place yet).

Arizona is planning a MTR I course, with CAMRA - Central Arizona Mountain Rescue Association at Sunrise. Course classroom has not taken place yet.

The above are very encouraging for the expansion of the MTR program as they represent an increase of student's participation and courses offered where they had not been offered previously.

Looking ahead:

MTR II course and field work requires quite of bit of planning, logics and personnel. This does present a challenge. *Perhaps combined courses between Regions could be structured.* One challenge is the instructors do what to know what kind of instruction/capabilities of each student and are very reluctant to admit a student that has taken the classroom from others.

Tri-Advisory. See attached accounting statement for 2007. See attached request for 2008. Curry Village facility in Yosemite is reserved for November 1 & 2, 2008.

Request: Advance “seed” money for Tri-Advisory 2008

February 2, 2008

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Amount and dates:

Item	Amount	Approx date
Deposit for Curry Village facility	\$ 500	May 1 st
Deposit for Speakers rooms	Approx \$ 700	May 1 st
Deposit for food	Approx \$ 1,300	Oct 1 st
Total advance requested	\$ 2,500	

Requested by
Karl Paul Chulski
MTR Far West Division Supervisor

Advances to be paid by Karl Paul Chulski on the dates indicated with expense report then submitted for reimbursement.

All seed money is to be paid back from registrations.

Tri-Advisory 2007 - Summary

Tri-Advisory 2007

INCOME		
Cash received (and kept for paying expenses)(from registration-shirt sales at registration counter)		
		\$ 268.00
Deposits	Date	Amount
	9/12/2007	\$ 1,535.00
	9/28/2007	\$ 693.00
	10/9/2007	\$ 1,199.00
	10/19/2007	\$ 882.00
	10/26/2007	\$ 859.00
	11/6/2007	\$ 181.00
	11/6/2007	\$ 2,173.80
		\$ 7,522.80
		\$ 7,790.80
LESS		
DNC Parks & Resorts (all food and facility)		\$ 5,932.55
Wet Paint (T-Shirts)		\$ 320.42
Staples (office supplies)		\$ 33.03
Staples (office supplies)		\$ 27.15
Staples (office supplies)		\$ 18.09
UPS		\$ 10.53
Speaker Fee	Howard Donner, MD	\$ 200.00
Lodging Speaker	A. Ellsworth	\$ 237.60
Lodging Speaker	A. McLean	\$ 237.60
Speaker Fee	A. McLean	\$ 300.00
Ground transport (via Jeff Gurrola)	A. McLean	\$ 50.00
Air fare	A. McLean	\$ 226.80
TOTAL		\$ 197.03

1.3.4 FWD Affiliated Search and Rescue (SAR) – Karl & Mike St Clair (SoCal)

Stephen,

Currently there are 26 members in Mike St Clair's team in So California (including me) and 35 members in Mike Kelly's team in No California

A total of 61 members!

several MTR I courses have local county SAR personal attending, and MTR instructors are teaching at county SAR training events. More detailed info on how SAR units are being trained by NSP MTR instructors in my summer presentation.

The MTR program in the FWD is becoming an important training ground and group of instructors for the local SAR community to be prepared for winter activities as well as taking part in difficult winter SARs. Please pass this word onto not only our BOD, but also the 'National guys.

Thanks!,

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1.3.5 FWD Affiliated Search and Rescue (SAR) – Mike Kelly (NorCal)

FROM: Mike Kelly, FWD Northern SAR Team Leader

TO: Stephen Simi, FWD Director

DATE: February 26, 2008

SUBJECT: FWD-SAR Update

Our FWD search and rescue teams are finally on the OES radar. In early January both teams participated in a search in San Bernardino County for Dean Christy, a 62 year-old retired teacher who became lost just before the early January storms. Despite a massive effort Mr. Christy has not been found. Nine patrollers from the northern team and fifteen from the southern team put in a total of 27 weekdays on that mission.

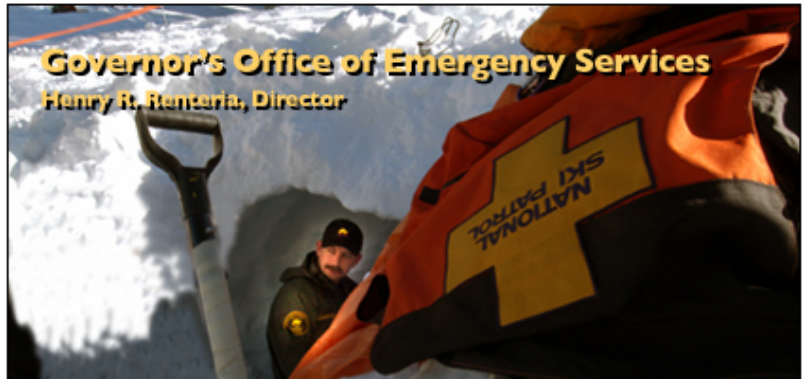
On January 17, I addressed the quarterly OES SAR meeting attended by sheriffs' search and rescue personnel from most of the counties. I explained our team capabilities and one of the OES dispatchers lauded our efforts on the San Bernardino search.

The Northern team was called out again on Sunday February 3 for a search involving two lost skiers from Alpine Meadows. We responded Monday morning with ten patrollers and accounted for half of the searchers participating that day. The two skiers were located at about 11 a.m. by a Placer County helicopter.

The services of our northern team were requested again on February 5 (Yosemite) and February 16 (Placer County), but in each case the lost parties were found before the team was activated.

One of the OES dispatchers recently commented that we are now on the OES "short list," so we expect more action in the future.

On behalf of both teams I want to thank the FWD Board for its generous financial support of our efforts. Without that support we could not perform these valuable services.



1.4 NSP FWD Transportation Programs

1.4.1 Outdoor Emergency Transportation (OET) – Lance Vaughan

Mission/Objective:

Facilitate programs for Outdoor Emergency Transportation (OET) training and testing at region and patrol level for patrollers to develop and increase proficiency in the use of patrol transportation devices to better serve industry partners and resort-guests. Improve communication amongst the FWD OET Instructors and understanding of OET Instructor, Instructor–Trainer (IT), and mentor roles and expected activities.

Objectives:

- Continue to extend and build “focused” successful programs with member interest: (Women’s Clinics; Advanced Tob Clinics –High angle/steep&deep; OK Clinics)
- Leverage existing Regional / Local training programs to a larger audience.
- Increase understanding of OET IT & Mentor roles
- Increase registered OET courses in FWD by 15%
- Increase OET Instructor team by 30 Instructors
- Identify all IT, OET Instructor pairings and Mentors for member reference
- Provide Spring Fling Instructors as needed to educate attendees
- Travel and visit two region training activities
- Provide tools & reference material to FWD OET Instructor team
- Continue excellent course closure rate of 100% of OET courses closed at season end.

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Plan

- Develop “focused” OET programs:
 - a) Women’s TES/SES clinics – repeat MLR, ESR, Spring Fling, add SCal – Total of 5
Scheduled for MLR 3/8, SCal 3/8&9, ESR 2/23&24, Spring Fling is Ins available
 - b) Advanced Toboggan Clinic – High angle slopes, Steep & Deep if available – One
Alpine was to host, awaiting details and resort permissions & if conditions permit
 - c) OK “Older Knee” Toboggan Clinic – Tips to run sleds past our youth years – One/Two
Looking to find new venue, Squaw forced to cancel as host in late December....
- Leverage existing programs in FWD:
 - a) 3 Day SR. programs offered in MLR & ESR on FWD calendar early in season – Full programs
Both Feb 2 & 3 and March 12 -14 events Registered w NSP & posted on ESR and MLR sites,
- Increase understanding of IT & Mentor roles:
 - a) Require IT training of all new IT’s & refresher to continuing IT’s - by Jan 1
Sending email files to IT’s for review of role on-going this season
 - b) Delivery in person or via phone call for remote IT’s
Gather those whose email limits file size and will host a conf call to review in Feb.
- Increase registered OET courses by 15% (50+ courses)
 - a) Register 30 Toboggan Enhancement Seminar courses
24 Courses registered with NSP office Feb 4th ‘08
 - b) Register 13 Ski Enhancement Seminar courses
17 Courses registered with NSP office Feb 4th ‘08
 - c) Register 8 Snowboard Enhancement Seminar courses
2 Courses registered with NSP office Feb 4th ‘08
 - d) Register 3 Ski Trainers Workshops

1 Course registered with NSP office Feb 4th '08

- e) Each patrol with candidate class register the class as Patroller 101 course

18 Courses registered with NSP office Feb 4 '08

- Increase OET Instructor team by 30 instructors (~ 295 instructors)

On-going, six known adds to date.

- a) Proactive engagement of designated mentors activity throughout season.

On-going,

- b) Engage with identified instructor candidates for program progress updates.

- Identify all IT, OET Ins pairings and Mentors for member reference - Sept 1 '07 **Actual Nov 1**

- a) Engage all IT's for activity of assigned OET instructors by Aug 25 - **Done**
- b) Follow up 1:1 with "unknown" instructors for intent with program – Aug 30 **Actual Nov 1**
- c) Complete and submit to National all OET instructor renewals - Aug 31/ **Actual Nov 1**
- d) Update posted FWD OET Instructor reference tool with new data - Sept 8 **Actual Nov 10**

- Provide Spring Fling instructors as needed.

- a) Courses requested have instructors for content delivery
Planning course list and Instructor sign up underway, more instructors offering than spots available.

- Travel and visit two region training activities

- a) Visit SCal training event(s) - Snow Summit &/or other resort

March 8th planned

- b) Visit ESR training event(s) - target Alpine & Northstar/Mt Rose

March 12th – 13th Squaw, targeting Northstar event date TBA

Visit to Arizona Region for TES event doubtful.

- Provide tools & reference material to FWD OET team

All Items delay pending data update by NSP office.

- a) Identify new OET Ins. needing OET instructor manual plus Ins. Candidates on Dec 5
- b) Write proposal for FWD board to fund new OET Instructor manuals by Nov 15.

- Continue course closure rate of 100% on time.

- a) Continue on-going 1:1 follow up with instructors for each course registered

On-going,

- b) Provide course activity to assigned IT

On-going,

The '07-'08 season finds the bulk of the FWD with great snow and conditions. As of Feb 4th the FWD registered 44 Transportation courses, I expect another 6-8 courses will add as part of spring fling and spring events. New Instructor adds remain a challenge for visibility, to date, six new Tob Instructors are known, all from MLR. The Women's clinics remain very popular and three regions are close to being self sufficient. The on-going record keeping challenges at National prevent an accurate picture of new ads, and current staffing totals. The Division is active and feedback indicates we are meeting members needs with courses and offerings with the exception of Arizona requesting outside assistance for a region wide Transportation seminar. Sr. Program finds pockets of activity and needs guidance for regional wide support in ESR and SCal. Spring Fling seems well planned and today we have a wide selection & excess of instructors offering to assist. Budget for remainder of season seems between \$900 - \$1,300, depending on OET Manual purchases. Please contact me with additional questions or feedback.

OET Budget

Budget Estimate (High end) \$1,700 (2,075 with manuals and Spring Fling)

Women's Clinics	\$ 400	Four Clinics – MLR, ESR, SoCal
Advanced Toboggan Clinic	\$ 150	Alpine to host, seems doubtful
OK Toboggan Clinic	\$ 150	need to find hill – Squaw unable to host - Cancel
IT Training	\$ 50	(if needed phone)
Region Visits	\$ 350	(SoCal travel)

\$ 100 (ESR travel)
\$ 500 (AZ travel) - Doubtful

Training/Inst'r Manuals

- a) New OET Ins. OET manuals \$ ~375(~15 @ \$25.00/copy)
- b) *Spring Fling 07 Ins. Costs* \$ 200 (6 @ \$35) if held (moved to Events)

1.4.2 Nordic (Nor) – Jeff Gurrola

Nordic Supervisor Update:

Considerable communication has been made to determine demand for Nordic Senior Evaluation plus emphasizing the availability of various SEM challenges. At this time, there aren't any candidates ready for the planned event on April 4-5. I have made great headway on the awareness and developing the need for PR's to emphasize this program, but we will need to wait another year. (*Jeff used FWD resources to support member email broadcasts and web page announcements*)

I also have been communicating with our Nordic Transportation Instructors, emphasizing the requirement for release forms, registration of classes, et al. The program is very strong and everyone is getting involved with their candidate classes.

Also, Pinecrest Nordic Ski Patrol will need to cancel its MTR-2 course this year. I will be asking Karl to assist coordination of either ensuring an MTR-2 course happens next year in NCAL, OR determine who needs this education and find a location. We need to do better at coordinating these courses regionally and/or ensuring that the students get this education somewhere in the western states.

As far as budget; I will be planning on traveling to perform IT certifications and/or use of the phone call budget.

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1.5 NSP FWD Leadership Programs

1.5.1 Instructor Development (ID) – Howard Jordan

-tbd-

1.5.2 Certified (Cert) – David Rhodes

Steve, Ron, Bill,

I am writing this mid winter program update from C'oeur d'Alene on the eve of the APP mid winter clinic at Silver Mountain, Idaho where I will be judging the certified sled test in the morning. Lodging and travel expenses for this should come to less than \$250 and represents the first expenditures for the program for this fiscal year.

Additional midwinter clinics are scheduled for Sierra Summit, Feb 26-27, Angel Fire, NM, March 4-5, Snow Summit, March 11-12. A new training & testing clinic at June Mountain has been added on Saturday, March 29th.

I will be attending the annual Spring Clinic, scheduled for April 28-May 2 at Squaw Valley.

Certified training has been conducted in the MLR and SoCal regions one on one and in small groups at various mountains throughout the season.

One of my other program objectives for this year was to add a Certified Program section to the FWD website with program information and clinic dates. This information was submitted to Tom Moore last week and should be posted in the next week or two.

I will be out of town and will miss the FWD mid winter meeting later this month- have a good meeting and a great Spring Fling at Sky Tavern!

I will have an opportunity to spend some time with Scott Hoffman the next two days at Silver Mountain. If there is additional information to add to this report later this week I will email it to you.

Good lines and lots of freshies,

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1.6 Recognition and Communications

1.6.1 Awards – David Ritchie

There has been no FWD awards activity to date, save replacing some old lost individual awards through National. This is typical. I'll get a flurry of FWD activity in March and April.

The National Awards Committee has been actively revising the program via conference calls.

No funds have been spent yet.

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1.6.2 Communications and Web Page – Tom Moore

1.6.3 Alumni Coordinator – Frank Shoemaker

1.6.4 Conference Coordinator – Tony Atkins

1.7 College Community Program

1.7.1 JPA Coordinator – Mickey Bonnet

1.7.2 Non-JPA Coordinator(s) – tbd SoCal – Steve Newman

1.7.3 Non-JPA Coordinator(s) – tbd – NorCal – Nancy S.

1.7.4 Tbd Spring Fling educational Conference – Jimi