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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DIVISION—NATIONAL SKI PATROL

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DIVISION DIRECTOR REPORT

By Liz Dodge, PNWD Director

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Where did this season go? It seems like it was only yesterday that we were preparing for the season. For most of us our patrolling season has ended and we are starting to think about our yards and vacations. But for others like at Timberline on Mt Hood, they will be patrolling all summer long. From all reports, it's been a fabulous year on the slopes for everyone in PNWD. While I did manage to get my own on-hill duty days in, it seems like since January I've been in meetings or on the road constantly. Not always a bad thing. April started for me with a trip to Aspen/Snowmass for my second set of face to face Division Director and National Board meetings of 2017. This trip was immediately followed by Powderfall where I was a presenter as well as a participant. Following that I had another week on the road attending the Pacific Northwest Ski Area Association's meeting in Bend, Oregon where, along with our NSP National Chair Jim Woodrum and Bill Sinykin our Asst National Chair, I was a presenter. The PNSAA meeting was great as usual with over 600 people in attendance and many informative break-out sessions. Immediately after that was our division spring E-board meeting. I think I had 0 days in the middle of the month to get other stuff done but even some of those days included conference calls etc... for ongoing projects. I'm looking forward to some vacation time mid-summer away from the phone and computer.

We did have some issues this year with getting our patrollers to register with the Division and NSP in a timely manner. As I type this in late May there are still some returning patrollers who have not yet registered. I am sure that Blaine is writing something on that in his article so I won't elaborate.

Last issue I reported to you that I had heard lots of complaints about the NSP's new 'print your own' membership cards. Concerns included: they don't look professional, there's a lack of standardization of printed look, ski areas and/or shops do not accept them in regards to offering discounts etc.... I passed all of those complaints and concerns up the line to the national board. Other division directors reported similar concerns. However, at the April National Board meeting the board voted to continue the process for only providing members with membership cards as 'self-printed' cards delivered directly to members by email. They did agree to add a couple more data elements to the cards this next year. To make your card look better, it is suggested that you print on card stock and laminate.

Region Director Election 2017 results

Inland Empire – Kevin Voss was reelected to a second term. Congrats Kevin.

Southern Idaho – Dave Campbell from Anthony Lakes was elected RD. Congrats Dave

Division Convention 2017 – August 11-13th - Portland, OR

Check your calendar and make plans to attend the annual PNWD Convention in August. The convention team is busy working to make this another great weekend of fun, education, and visiting with friends from across the division. Information is available on the PNWD Website and on a special convention website at www.pnwdcon.org.

Powderfall 2017 – Aspen/Snowmass – was a great success. The PNWD had approx. 40 members in attendance, 21 of which were from the same PNWD patrol. Yep, my own – the Summit at Snoqualmie, Central Patrol who showed up with matching shirts and made their presence known. Overall there were approx. 820 attendees from across the organization. Lexi Voss from Mt Spokane was in attendance on a Young Adult Scholarship from the National level, and represented the PNWD (continued page 3)

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August 11-13, 2017
Portland, Oregon

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Send form and payment to:
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14710 NW Oak Hills Dr.
Beaverton, OR 97006

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Sheraton Portland Airport
8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220
800-325-3535 or 503-281-2500

Ask for PNWD Ski Patrol Convention
Cutoff date: July 20, 2017
Room Rates: Single/Double \$139, Triple \$149, Quad \$159

Name _____ Patrol _____
 NSP # _____ Region _____
 National/LCA Appt. Number _____ Office/Title / Level _____
 Spouse/Guest _____ E-Mail _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 _____ I am staying at the Sheraton Hotel [] Yes [] No

Mt Hood Ski Patrol Member # _____

	Number	Cost	Amount
Registration - until 7/20/17	_____	\$ 55.00 (patroller)	_____
Late Registration 7/21/17 and after (No guarantee meals will be available after 7/20)	_____	\$ 75.00 (patroller)	_____
Friday Dinner	_____	\$ 18.00 per person	_____
Saturday Breakfast	_____	\$ 14.00 per person	_____
Saturday Lunch	_____	\$ 18.00 per person	_____
Saturday Banquet	_____	\$ 38.00 per person	_____
Choose entrée for each person			
<i>Alaskan Cod</i> _____ <i>Red Wine Braised Beef</i> _____ <i>Lasagna: Vegetarian</i> _____ <i>or Beef</i> _____			
Sunday Breakfast	_____	\$ 14.00 per person	_____
Other: <i>(No cost - please check to confirm attendance)</i>			
Patrol Director Training – Friday Morning	_____	\$ 0	_____
OEC ICE course – Friday Morning	_____	\$ 0	_____
<i>Enroll in NSP Course number P024170016</i>			
Golf – Friday Morning: if interested, contact Doug Stanton by 7/20			
Total			_____

There will be morning meetings for Program Advisors on Saturday and Patrol Directors on Sunday during the breakfast time. Grab your food and head to the assigned breakfast room.

I or my family are interested in the following extra activities _____

Payment: **Check #** _____ **Credit Card** (Credit card transactions by phone or US postal mail)
Credit Card transactions will include a 2.75% Processing Fee

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For more information: www.pnwdcon.org Questions: Doug Stanton, doug.stanton@icloud.com



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youth membership very well. The vendor room was the place to be in the evenings with great food and a huge number of vendors sharing information on their equipment, selling items at deep discounts, and giving away large and small swag, from ice scrapers to base layer tops or bottoms. The weather and snow cooperated and the educational opportunities were many. There were classes, break out sessions on many topics including: OEC Hybrid Courses, OEC 6 input, Patrol Director Training and Roundtable discussions, Lift Evac, MTR, Nordic, Avalanche, Avalanche dogs, Instructor Development, Waxing, Awards, a full OEC Enhancement course on Adaptive Athletes, and a full array of ski, ride, and toboggan training sessions. Over 90 training offerings in all. Kudos to the NSP office staff and Powderfall committee for planning and presenting a great event.

NSP IT system - We are working thru some 'issues' and planning 'enhancements'. The IT committee is now meeting once a month but are continuing our work on the system. You will see changes as they become available. If you have concerns, or find issues, please, please, please get those to me as soon as you can so that I can fix or report the issue. Thank you to all who have already been making these reports, through them we have been able to fix quite a bit, even if it doesn't really look like it when you go to the website. I am hoping for some significant improvements in the months to come and before next fall.

A couple things that you may notice:

- Instructors will be happy that we have managed to get the 'teaching activity log' back up and working. It looks a little different but it still is a way for you to keep track of your teaching. Note that the data from the old system was brought forward but it may not look fully intact. Just go in and update the pieces that are current and important to keep track of.
- We also have added the gender and birthdate fields to your member profile in an editable format so please make sure that your information is in there and correct.
- Patrol leadership can now see a report that shows the students names who got completion credit in a course.

Mt Biking - The NSP has very recently come up with a plan thru which resorts who have Mt Biking can have their Mt Bike patrollers become members of the NSP and if desired, to have a 'Specialized Unit' set up to track these patrollers separate from their 'ski patrol unit'. We are calling these 'specialized units' because down the line there may be other types of groups or activities that may fall under that umbrella. I have recently sent out a survey of sorts to all patrol representatives asking if there are Mt Bike activities happening or planned for the future at their resort so that we can possibly assist with their Mt Bike needs.

OEC Course - An instructor reminder and for general information - The OEC course curriculum is in the instructor's manual. The OEC 5 textbook is NOT the course, it is simply a reference manual. Please do not refer to the textbook as the OEC Course. Instructors should not be teaching the textbook from cover to cover, but rather the objectives from the front of each chapter and as per the instructor's manual. There is a video on the national website about 'how to teach OEC 5'. Looking forward - the OEC 6 committee is working hard, and OEC 6 is scheduled to be published in the 2nd quarter of 2019. Also a new backboard protocol has been approved for go live in June 2019; Dr Hamilton will be presenting more on this in his article and likely at the convention in August.

OEC Refresher credit - if you completed your refresher last fall and it is not showing on your profile, please do not wait two or three years to start asking about it. Ask now. Go to the IOR of your refresher and ask them to help resolve why you don't have your credit. On the other hand, if you really did not do a refresher and you mysteriously have credit on your profile please be honest and contact your PD or myself (Liz Dodge) and let us know so that we can a) clean up your profile and b) determine what went wrong. We very likely will be doing a Quality Assurance review between the NSP system and the paper 'course completion rosters' that all IOR's were asked to send to their Region or Division program supervisor; we hope that this review does not show any big problems.

Note to IOR's: Please make sure that you have copies of your course enrollment and completion rosters, the result status (Pass - Fail - Incomplete - No Show) for each enrollee and of course a detailed list of who the assisting instructors were and what they taught. You were all asked to create a CCR (Course Completion Roster) in the old style for this year (and we will likely do the same this next year) so that we have a good backup to the on-line system. A copy of those should be sent to your division program supervisor.

Does your NSP profile show you as Delinquent in OEC? Review your profile, if it says anything other than 'current' you are technically delinquent.

My OEC Status

Status

Current

My OEC Status

Status

Needs Current Refresher

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If your profile shows you as delinquent (aka missing something), please work with the your patrol representative/patrol director, or the IOR of the refresher that is not on your profile and see if you can help get your records corrected. Or plan on taking make up refreshers for the courses you are missing. Don't wait until next November to start looking for this status or your records, and/or the corrective documentation if you really did complete the missing refresher.

OEC Status Codes	OEC Status and Delinquency Descriptions (the words here may not be exactly as what one would see on their profile)
CU	Current
D1	Needs Course
D2	Needs Current Refresher
D3	Missing Refresher • Makeup Required
D4	OEC Cert Expired • Missing Refresher(s)
D5	OEC Cert Expired >1 yr • Need Retake OEC

National Database

Please go to the NSP website and make sure that a) you can log in, and b) that all of your contact information is correct, make any corrections needed; click on the gray pencil on the page to get to the edit screen. Without accurate information, the NSP cannot send information and documents to you, and without access into the system you cannot 'enroll in courses', purchase thru the catalog, vote, etc... To access your record, sign in and then click on the **Hi (your name)** at the top right of the screen. We have found that for many members their birthdate is either missing or clearly wrong. I say clearly wrong as I really don't believe that we have 8 year olds and/or 110 year olds on the hill patrolling. So PLEASE update your birthdate. Also on that first page you will see some data questions at the bottom of the page. Such as: Are you a YAP (young adult patroller), or did you start patrolling as a YAP? If you started patrolling/joined the NSP under 18 years of age – you joined as a YAP, if you are now under 18 years of age – you are a YAP. Please complete the appropriate boxes for the questions on this page. While some of these questions may seem odd, they will help the organization with projects going forward.

NSP National Board Election – By the time you read this the call for applicants for the national board will have come to a close. In mid September, you will see information about the individuals who will be on the ballot. We really need some well-rounded, experienced, and global thinkers on the board to help lead this organization in the coming years. I can't stress enough the need for all PNWD members to become informed about the issues and candidates. We all need to work on getting our membership to **vote** next fall as this is one way that we can state our feelings and impact the future of the organization. Last year we had 8.6% of our membership vote. We can do better than that. Some divisions (larger than PNWD) have 20-30% of their membership vote, so let's really work on getting the vote out this next fall.

Your questions, concerns, or ideas about anything related to this division or the NSP in general are important to me. Please contact me so we can discuss them. Email at LizPNWD@gmail.com or phone at 206-300-7711 and let's work together. Collaborative Teamwork is essential to the organization at all levels. The skills, energy, and enthusiasm that all of us bring to the organization are what make it fun and rewarding to be a ski patroller.

T.E.A.M. - Together Everyone Accomplishes More.

It's been another great year. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. I wish you all the best this summer.

Yours in Service,
Liz Dodge
Division Director, PNWD

OEC REPORT

By *Janie SanRomani, OEC Advisor*

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As the season ends and many patrols are starting the OEC courses for new patrollers, I urge all instructors to keep in mind the requirements for maintaining their instructor certification. It is necessary to keep their own records of everything they have taught so that they may send this information to their Region Advisor every three years at their specific recertification time period. It is also necessary to be evaluated by an IT while teaching and attend a Continuing Education Course (ICE) at least once every three year period. There is so much new information coming out right now that all instructors need to be aware of and these ICE courses are extremely necessary. There are a few essential requirements from NSP that change slightly each year that also need to be provided by the IOR at an ICE Course. Kathy Lee and I will be presenting another Division wide ICE Course at the PNWD Convention on Friday, August 11, 2017 in Portland. Please plan to attend the course if you are an instructor, a mentee, an IOR or an IT. We have just returned from our annual supervisor meeting and have lots of information to share with all instructors.

At our recent meeting, we reviewed all questions that will be on the new OEC written exam. Again, we tried to weed out ambiguous questions and those presented in a negative manner. We only included questions that deal with the main objectives from each chapter of the 5th Edition. I feel that it will be a good exam for this coming year. There will be a new OEC text coming out in the next couple of years. This, of course, is a huge undertaking and a very necessary one. Plans are underway to make this happen and a committee has been formed for this purpose. The online hybrid has been a big success for everyone and it is hoped that people will continue to give it a try for OEC Courses and for their OEC Refreshers. MyNSP.Kit (which contains the Instructor Manual) will be undergoing some changes in June. For the instructors, it will be moved to the NSP website instead of on the Pearson site. I will let all the advisors know its exact location once it is transferred and hopefully all instructors will be notified by their advisors.

A committee has been formed to try to standardize the information that the mentoring process delivers. It has been found that sometimes the process falls apart and our new instructors do not receive all the training that is necessary. If any of you have any suggestions for this committee, please let me know and I will share them with the committee.

Everyone should have received their OEC Refresher Workbook in the mail by now. If you have not received it, you need to check your personal profile on the NSP website to ensure that all your information is correct. This workbook will also be available on the NSP website to download. It is a requirement for everyone attending a refresher to complete the workbook even if they are participating in an online hybrid refresher. The refresher committee has tried to revamp the workbook so that there is not so much “busy work” but instead more information that needs to be reviewed before attending the main refresher.

Kathy and I hope to see many of you at the convention this summer—there will definitely be something for everyone who attends. If you have any questions, big or little, please do not hesitate to contact us. We too understand the frustrations and challenges with the new website and will do our best to help you navigate and locate necessary things. It helps me immensely by helping you!

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NORDIC REPORT

By *Joe Mabbutt, Nordic/Backcountry Advisor*

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The National Ski Patrol is only as strong as its members. Same goes for the disciplines within an organization. I invite you to come see what is going on in your Pacific Northwest Division. This year it will be held in Portland, Oregon at the Portland Sheraton Airport, August 11-13 2017. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Joe Mabbutt

OREGON REGION REPORT

By Anne Greenwood, Oregon Region Director

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The annual Oregon Region meeting was held Sunday, September 18, 2016, in Eugene. At this meeting, many of the 2017 ski season's refreshers, training and education dates were set, as well as a region budget. An audit of the financial records had been conducted and was presented.

Oregon Region had plenty of snow this season for Avalanche Programs to occur. Most patrols had Avalanche Refreshers. One Avalanche Level 1 course, conducted by **Joe McCormick** on Hayrick Butte, stepped-up the incident from just an avalanche to a full-on MCI (9 victims). This incident involved 6 different agencies (Santiam Pass SP, 2 Mt. Rescue units from 2 different counties, one Mt. Rescue avalanche dog unit from another county, a SAR team from yet another county and Life Flight.



Photo by Julie Haack

Oregon Region had two members receive Appointments this season: **Cyndy Meno** of Willamette Pass Ski Patrol, received her National Appointment in early February and was featured in the last issue of the Nor'Wester. **Sarah Aitken**, also of Willamette Pass Ski Patrol, received her Leadership Commendation Appointment in early April.

From: Oregon Region Instructor Development Advisor, Kathy Alexander

- There were three Instructor Development e-courses (IDEC) held this past season: 2 at Mt. Bachelor and 1 at Willamette Pass. Those 3 Patrollers passed and are now in their mentoring programs.
- The IDEC on-line is now with a new vendor, Blue Skye, which Patrollers can register to take the course, print their completion certificate, and then meet face-to-face with an ID Instructor to complete the classroom portion which includes a teaching session. ID Instructors can also choose to teach the traditional course in 6-8 hours.
- Two of the face-to-face sessions were held in Bend.
- It is my goal for the coming season to coordinate with other discipline advisors in the Oregon region and to conduct an All-Discipline Instructor Global ID course for their continuing education.

Oregon Region Mountain Travel and Rescue Advisor, Robert Walters, held another very successful Mountain Travel and Rescue Level 1 Course at Crater Lake National Park. This event was hosted by the Oregon Region and the Crater Lake National Park Backcountry Ski Patrol. There were 7 students and 4 instructors.

From: Oregon Region OEC Advisor, Sarah Aitken

- Most areas have used the online hybrid models for refreshers and classes. Those that did not plan to try it next year.
- Instructor Recertification: Instructors seem more familiar with the requirements to keep instructor status and are following guidelines.
- OEC online hybrid courses were held by Santiam Pass (4 students), Willamette Pass (12 students), Mt. Bachelor (15 students), Santiam Pass (1 student). Mt. Ashland held a traditional OEC course with 3 students. Willamette Pass had an Outdoor First Care online hybrid course with 2 students.
- OEC online hybrid Refreshers C were held by Willamette Pass SP, Santiam Pass SP and Mt. Ashland SP. A traditional OEC Refresher C was held by Mt. Bachelor. There was also an OEC makeup Refresher B held by Mt. Bachelor.
- Warner Canyon and Willamette Backcountry did not have OEC classes and attended refreshers outside of their areas.
- OEC ICE courses taught by Region this year: Eugene: IOR Sarah Aitken, 15 students; Medford: IOR Sarah Aitken, 3 students; Medford: IOR Kathy Alexander, 5 students.

From: Oregon Region OEC Module of the Senior Program Advisor, Laurie Coventry

Wy'East and Oregon Region partnered again to put on the OEC Module of the Senior Program clinic and the final this season. The clinic was sponsored by Oregon Region and held at Hoodoo Ski Area. The final was sponsored by Wy'East and was held at Summit Ski Area. There were 5 candidates total for the final, with Wy'East, Bachelor, and Santiam Pass participating. 4 of the 5 candidates passed the final. Lunch was provided at both the clinic and the final for all the participants and helpers. Guests at the final included Jim Woodrum, NSP Board Chair; Liz Dodge, PNWD Director; and Marianne Becker, Region OEC Advisor for Inland Region.

Dan Bolduc, Oregon Region OET Advisor: The OET program in the Oregon Region was once again very active. Patrol Refreshers were held for OET following the new guidelines. An OET ICE clinic was held at Mt. Bachelor with 13 participants. Another was held at Mt. Ashland. Senior OET clinics were held with Wy'East Region at Mt. Hood Meadows, Mt. Ashland, Willamette Pass and at Hoodoo Ski Area. The 2nd annual Nuts and Bolts clinic was held at Mt. Bachelor. There were several clinics over the course of the weekend including SES, TES and Sr. OET. The Oregon Region & Wy'East OET Senior finals was hosted by the Wy'East region this season and

NORTHWEST REGION

By Dave May, Northwest Region Director

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Congratulations to all the NW Region award winners. Many thanks to the members of the awards committee who submitted their nominations and brought forward members of their patrols to be recognized for their amazing volunteer work!

Wrapping up my first season as Region Director has been both educational and rewarding in terms of being able to see firsthand and hear how patrols run their day to day operations. Education and training are the keys to success in responding to injuries and providing patient care while transporting to the next higher level of medical expertise. Sharing best practices and returning to our home mountains with those ideas and methods ensures we as volunteers continue to add value to the ski areas we all serve.

I encourage everyone to share their ideas, express any frustrations they may have and help develop better ways of conducting the business of running this organization. My vision for the 2017-18 season is to sit down with each patrol representative in the region and discuss what their goals are for their patrols in an effort to offer help from a Region and Division level in achieving those goals.

Pete Schwartz and the Crystal Mountain Volunteer Ski Patrol took this season off from offering the Advanced Terrain Clinic. The amount of effort that goes into this event is significant so attendance is not only needed but paramount in the success of the various clinics that are offered. The idea for next year is to start the organizing process early, get the word out and encourage as many people as possible to attend.

Conditions for this season's Senior program at Crystal were ideal for both the OEC and OET finals. Congratulations to all those who stepped up and took the challenge. This year's results are as follows;

	Participate	Passed
Senior OEC	6	2
Senior Alpine Ski	5	4
Senior Alpine Toboggan	4	2

No one from the region passed all requirements to achieve a Senior certificate. We'll look forward to next year for that.

I hope everyone has a great summer. Stay safe!

Sincerely,
Dave May
NW Region Director
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held at Mt Hood Meadows. There were 6 candidates, 4 from Wy'East and 2 from Oregon. A total of 2 passed, one from each region.

The Oregon Region was able to send its **Asst. Region Director, Andy Bechdolt**, to Powderfall to represent us and bring back information to share.

Currently:

- The annual Oregon Region meeting will be Saturday, July 15, 2017. The location is the Sunriver Library meeting room. Also scheduled for this day will be an Oregon Region Instructor Continuing Education (ICE) course at the same location.
- Nuts & Bolts annual clinic on Mt. Hood, June 2-4, 2017. Flyer info on the front page of the OR Region website.
- The PNWD Convention is coming August 11-13th, 2017. It will be held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel. . Flyer info on the front page of the OR Region website.
- Please continue to check the Oregon Region website for information regarding upcoming events & information. <http://www.nsp-oregon.org/>

Anne M. Greenwood
Oregon Region Director

WY'EAST REGION REPORT

By Doug Stanton, Region Director

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Wy'east Region Nuts and Bolts

By the time you read this article, Wy'east Region Nuts and Bolts will be a wrap. Our team once again has put together a tremendous event with over 150 patrollers in attendance over the three day event. Patrollers from Far West, Intermountain, Pacific Northwest and Midwest made this a truly one of a kind event. A total of 12 clinics were held on some of the best snow conditions in years at Timberline Lodge on the slopes of Mt Hood. Snow pack was over 40' deep on the Palmer snowfield and combined with sunny skies and mild temps, the event bordered on epic. Thanks must go out to Jeffrey Weitz, PNWD OET Supervisor, David Atkinson, Wy'east Region OET Advisor and all the volunteers that stepped up to help out to make the event a complete success again. In closing, if you haven't attended a Wy'east Region Nuts & Bolts, you need to add it to your bucket list. It is the most fun you'll have with patrollers from around the country on one of the best mountains and ski towns in the Northwest. Hope to see you next year for our 17th annual event.

PNWD 2017 Convention

The 2017 PNWD convention planning is in full swing. This years event will be held at the Sheraton Airport at Portland International Airport. The venue is ideal for ease of access combined with spacious rooms and excellent convention suites to accommodate the large number of learning sessions planned. The convention web page is up and running. Go to www.pnwdcon.org for details related to the convention. Please keep in mind that the convention web page is continually being updated as new sponsors are added, session agendas are changed, and times and locations of events are refined. Registration can be done online or by mail. The registration form can be downloaded from the web page for mail in registrations. Note your calendars for August 11th, 12th and 13th and join the division in Portland for this years convention.

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AWARDS—RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO SERVE

By Rich Maris, Awards Advisor

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My repeated request and reminder is that I would like each nominating and writing team to take time and care in the writing and vetting of all nominations for completeness and accuracy before they are signed at the patrol level and sent upwards. For multiple responders' incidents you need to not only include the overall matrix of who did what, when, and to or with whom, but a separate nomination form and an individual written letter of nomination for each of the providers.

For National Appointments and Leadership Commendation Appointments it is absolutely essential that the sponsor hand sign their letter of nomination. If that is not done I cannot accept the nomination, and if I did it would be rejected at the national level.

I need to receive finalized nominations for the set of Outstanding Awards before June 17th. Please remember that those need to be written as though competing at the final NSP Outstanding Award level on the "big stage."

Lastly, thank you for sending me your members who passed away this year for presentation in the Sunday General Meeting "Last Sweep" roster. Our thanks and memories go with their services and support. It is a roster that we don't like to see expand. Please continue to send information to me as you may lose members from your present or former patrol. They should not be forgotten and their presence with us provides models and inspiration to members who may not have known them.

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INLAND EMPIRE REGION REPORT

By Kevin Voss, Region Director

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Across the region snowfall was outstanding and resorts were busy. Building on the success of last season and the draw of deep snow drove some of our resorts to new records for skier visits. Although patrollers were stretched with the large crowds, most patrols reported excellent seasons.

Due to limited participation in the senior program throughout the region over the past few years, we are currently offering senior EMM every other year. As a result, we did not have any EMM candidates this season. Our senior OET class was larger than expected with 7 candidates and each candidate passed at least one component (ski or toboggan) and 3 completed both components of senior OET. The open OET clinics drew large crowds and were well received by the participants.

Clinics/Evaluations:

- Instructor Calibration clinic (Jan7-8) @ 49N Jan 7-8, 2017
- Open/Senior Clinic (EMM & OET) @ Lookout Jan 21-22, 2017
- Open/Senior Clinic (OET) @ Loup Loup: Feb 4-5, 2017
- Senior Final Evaluation @ Mt. Spokane: Mar 11-12, 2017

Many candidate classes in the region have already begun and summer patrol activities have started.

Refresher dates for next season have not been finalized. A list of refreshers in our region will be provided as soon as possible.

- Clinics & Evaluation (tentative dates for 2017/2018 season):
- Calibration Clinic -- Jan 6-7, 2018
- Open Clinic (EMM/OEC/OET) -- Jan 20-21, 2018
- Open Clinic (EMM/OEC/OET) -- Feb 3-4, 2018
- Senior Final Evaluation -- Mar 10-11, 2018

Inland Empire is hosting the 2018 Division Convention. Please contact your patrol director if you are interested in helping with or coordinating the convention.

Kevin Voss

MTR

By Frank Rossi, MTR Advisor

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MTR VISION:

The Mountain Travel and Rescue program provides ski patrollers and interested members of the public with widely recognized, high-quality training in survival, navigation, travel, group dynamics and decision making, terrain management, environmental awareness, search and rescue, and emergency care. This training: • serves the needs of area and land-use managers who require resources possessing side-country and backcountry search-and-rescue (SAR) skills, especially in winter environments; • trains students in skills needed for other NSP educational programs, especially the Nordic, Avalanche, and Outdoor Emergency Transportation programs; • provides education in mountain travel and rescue skills commonly required by non-NSP SAR organizations and sought by guides and outdoor enthusiasts; • prepares students to travel and work safely and in reasonable comfort in the outdoor winter environment.

Frank Rossi

OEC REFRESHER—2017—CYCLE A

You each should have received an email this spring related to the following but just in case the info is included here.

- o OEC Refresher Workbook – *The workbook* has been mailed to all members. If you did not get yours, you might want to check your address in the NSP system. It is also be available for download from the NSP website – Member Resources, Education Resources, OEC. Note that completing this workbook is required prior to attending any refresher, and is taken to the refresher. The IOR might not let you in without it.
- o Online Component of the Refresher – For those doing the Hybrid model of the refresher, or for those members who simply want to do a bit more studying in another format, the online component should be available no later than July 1. Note – this is only required for those who are taking a Hybrid model refresher, and is to be done prior to attending the skills portion of the refresher. Do not forget to print your completion certificate and take it to the refresher with you and turn in to the IOR. The IOR might not let you in without it.
- o Course Enrollment - Make sure that you 'enroll' in the refresher you will be attending via the NSP website before the date of the refresher. If you don't enroll you will not get credit, regardless of if you attend/complete the course or not. Watch the Course Schedule on the site to see the course offerings as the courses become registered over the summer and fall. Please pay attention to the 'notes' that the Instructors post related to details for their course. There are already courses registered for next fall. Kudos to those instructors who have planned ahead and started the process.
- o Refresher Instructors Guide - The Refresher Committee plans to complete this by June 1. It will be available to OEC Instructors via the website shortly thereafter.

Your instructors put in a lot of time planning quality refreshers for you. Please do some homework and go to your refresher prepared to show your quality skills and knowledge of each subject. And before you end your refresher day.... Thank the instructors that put in extra time to help you be the best patroller you can be.

SKI FLIGHT REPORT 2017

By Jack Melill, Ski Flight Advisor

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This year's Ski Flight included great skiing and fun in Austria's Silverretta Region with visits to Saint Anton and Ischgl ski regions as well as sightseeing in Innsbruck and Zurich. Next years plans include Meribel, France (the world's largest combined ski area) with hundreds of piste and lifts. This is a skiers dream trip. It will be followed by a tour of ancient Lyon, France the former capital.

I am retiring from Ski Flight after 31 consecutive years so this is my "swan song".

Ski Flight has done much in providing fun filled European skiing vacations with worthwhile patrol exchanges with new techniques plus ideas. We even had ski visits to Iron Curtain countries like Bulgaria and Georgia, Russia. When asked by the Austrian government, Ski Flight pioneered the High Route of Austria, comparable to Switzerland High Route. A real adventure.

Most of our learning and new ideas came from Austria and Switzerland plus enjoyable skiing fun and yes, culture from different local exchanges.

As a fund raiser Ski Flight contributed almost \$25,000.00 to the general fund of the PNWD. So did a bit of good while having a great time.

Ski Symposium to Europe aka. Ski Flight was founded in 1965 by Curt Beam PNWD Director and has functioned yearly (52 years) plus conducted over 2,850 patrollers, family and friends to Europe.

So, it has been a pleasant journey for me, with more skiing, fun and new ideas yet to come.

C'est la vie
Jack Melill
Ski Flight Advisor

ANATOMY OF SKIING INJURIES—PART 7 CONCUSSIONS

By Jim Hamilton, Medical Advisor

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Recently the news has devoted much attention to concussions, but what is a concussion? In very simple terms it is a “brain bruise.”

The brain is very soft. Placed on a table the brain “sag” much like Jell-O when taken out of a mold. The body protects the brain by putting it in a rigid bony container –the skull – and surrounds it with cerebrospinal fluid which acts as a cushion. Thin, filmy strands of connective tissue loosely tether the brain in the center of the container with only a millimeter or two of fluid surrounding it. With usual activities such as running or jumping the shock produced can be absorbed by the tethers; however, if the event is more severe such as a hard fall hitting the head on the pavement, the shock results in the brain making contact with the skull. This impact causes some damage, the severity of which varies with the magnitude of the impact.

Just as with injuries to other soft tissues, some swelling occurs and perhaps even some minor bleeding. In a muscle injury this would produce some tenderness on palpation, swelling and maybe some bruising. Muscles are surrounded by other soft tissues allowing space for the swelling. Because the rigid skull surrounds the brain, only a small amount of space is available. If the swelling is sufficient, it puts pressure on the brain, compressing it. This pressure results in the symptoms of headache, vision disturbances, dizziness, nausea and vomiting, loss of balance, confusion and memory loss.

Because the swelling caused by an injury does not occur all at once, it is important to monitor someone with a suspected concussion. The initial treatment is rest. When a tissue is damaged, it can be susceptible to additional damage caused by forces smaller than the original injury. A second injury occurring during the healing phase can cause death. Further strenuous activity should be avoided until all symptoms associated with the injury have resolved. People often complain of side effect for weeks to months. These can include loss of memory and concentration, mood swings, personality changes, dizziness and insomnia. Acetaminophen can be used for the headache. If the symptoms progress, medical evaluation should be sought.

Repeated concussion can cause significant scarring and loss of brain function. Multiple studies are now being done on the long term effects of multiple concussions in sports such as boxing and football. Concussions account for 4 to 16% of all sports injuries. Mounting evidence shows that a concussion can be serious and should not be dismissed as a minor problem.

Jim Hamilton

INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT

By Kathy Alexander, ID Advisor

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Hello ID Instructors and ITs:

As you look forward to the summer months, please go through your course records from this past ski season. Please keep a hard copy of any Course Record and then send me a copy as well. This process will help me keep tabs of the # of courses taught and where, along with your instructor teaching records. If you get a chance this summer and early fall, attend an ICE course (must be taken once in a 3-year cycle). Contact your IT, region and division ID advisor if you are interested in doing the ICE.

Thank you all for your time and effort this past season in conducting ID courses, and thank you for your patience while the eCourse was being revamped. It is your dedication to the ID program which helps our regions and the division to develop strong instructors in all disciplines for NSP learning.

Enjoy the summer, and please contact me if you need help at any time.

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REGISTRATION REPORT

By Blaine Price, Registrar

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THE REGISTRATION PROCESS:

Registrations for 2016-17 were a challenge, and a learning experience for all in the PNWD given the new system we had to work with at National. Given those challenges, we made it work with some trials and tribulations along the way. For most patrols in the Division, the process went fairly smoothly, particularly when PDs paid close attention to the process for their patrol, and monitored their roster and patrollers as it went along. Several patrols had problems, but that experience is now behind us.

As of this date, the PNWD Executive Board (Division Director and the Region Directors) is in the process of making a decision as to how to proceed with registrations for the coming 2017-18 patrol year. Tentatively, we will continue to collect Patrol, Region and Division dues at the patrol level as in prior years, with submission of Region and Division dues to the PNWD Registrar who will audit submissions, and remit Region and Division dues to respective treasurers at those levels. As we did this last year, individual patrollers will go on line with NSP to pay National dues.

With the new system, we had situations where individual patrollers had difficulty with access to the National system when trying to pay their \$55.00 NSP dues. Over the year, most of those difficulties have been dealt with, and there should be fewer problems in the year ahead. Where the patroller has difficulty making the system work for them, they should let their PD/PR know what their specific problem is. However, the patroller or PD/PR SHOULD NOT CALL THE NATIONAL OFFICE DIRECTLY when having problems. The staff there is not prepared to handle tons of phone calls. Rather, there are two ways to deal with those problems.

1. Have your PD contact me as the PNWD Registrar by Email at bcprice58@msn.com with your patroller name and member ID#, describing the specific problem. I can quickly resolve your issues with the National Office and get the problem solved, usually by the next business day with a confirmation to you on how to proceed.

Or;

2. Send an Email to customercare@nsp.org with your name and member ID# describing your problem, and request they get back to you with a solution. If this route is taken, copy your email to Customer Care to your PD/PR, and to me as PNWD Registrar at bcprice58@msn.com. This allows me to get involved early if there is a need for me to make sure you have proper access to the system.

AGAIN, DO NOT CALL THE NATIONAL OFFICE ON THE PHONE DIRECTLY. THIS ONLY BOGS DOWN A VERY BUSY STAFF AT NSP.

And, if you are a returning member NEVER click on "Create Account" on the NSP web site. This creates a duplicate account and locks you out of the system. Once you are assigned a member number, it never changes, even if you drop your membership for several years. "Create Account" is only applicable for new members to NSP.

Specific instructions will go out to PD/PRs, based on how registrations are to be done in the PNWD for 2017-18 prior to the start of the "registration season", and before the Division Convention in August. Instructions will take into account improvements we will be making in the process since we now know what needs to be done at the patrol level to make the system work. Included in those instructions will be specific information on what the PD/PR's role needs to be in making the process as smooth as possible for their patrol and their individual members. PD/PRs, or their Registration Reps are encouraged to attend a session at the Division Convention in August that will assist them in becoming informed on how the process will work, and answer questions they might have.

If the E-Board elects to continue collecting Region and Division dues within the PNWD, patrol dues submissions to the PNWD Registrar for the Division and Region should be completed by December 1, meaning patrollers will have paid Patrol, Region and Division dues to their patrol prior to the end of November. Once refresher and area specific training has been completed and Patrol, Region and Division dues have been paid to the patrol, the PD/PR will formally 'Notify' National of their approved roster and patrollers should receive an email notice within 24 hours from NSP to pay National dues. Once National dues have been paid, the individual member will receive an electronic receipt and an emailed Membership Card to self-print.

This means that dues should be paid on time, and not when the patroller finally decides to get around to it later in the season. National late fees of \$10.00 are currently scheduled to go into effect January 1, 2018. Similarly, there will be a \$5.00 late fee for Division dues submitted to the PNWD Registrar after December 31st. If not paid on time, there will be a later cut-off date established when a membership will be suspended, and later still, a date when the person will be dropped from NSP. If everyone does their part, we can avoid any such instances.

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REGISTRAR CONTINUED

NEW MEMBERS AND DUES

Patrols bring on new members at various stages of the patrol year. If the new member/candidate comes on after January 1st, and starts any training including on-hill procedures and toboggan handling, as well as perhaps starting their OEC Class prior to June 30th, dues need to be paid for the current year. And they will be given a 'paid through date' of 12-31-2017 for those that came in on the season just ending. If they obtain a member number doing a 'Create Account' at NSP, but do not start any training until after the end of June, they need to pay dues for the upcoming season. I.e., the registration system for the next calendar year opens on July 1st. Once paid, they will be given a "paid through date" of December 31, 2018. Patrols can contact me as Division Registrar if they have any related questions.

SUMMARY FOR 2016-17

Total registrations for the PNWD so far are 2,107 people for 2016-17. This compares to 2,098 in 2015-16. By region, there were 254 in Wy'East; 356 in S. Idaho; 301 in Oregon; 717 in Northwest; and 477 in Inland Empire. Plus, there are two on the PNWD Admin Patrol. Initially it looked like numbers were going to be down, but with an influx of new members, we have increased membership slightly. With a couple of prior year's being down in count, this is encouraging. Dues to PNWD totaled \$16,881.00 as of the date this was written.

Blaine Price, PNWD Registrar

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YAP PROGRAM

By Dave Brown, YAP Advisor

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Hello and happy Spring to you graduating Young Adult Patrollers! You will soon be moving on to new chapters in your lives, and we would like you to think about staying close to patrolling as you move forward, or staying close to the NSP if you can't patrol right away. You have put a lot of time and effort into becoming a ski patroller, including becoming certified in Outdoor Emergency Care, which is a great skill to have (and maintain). We strongly encourage you to continue with patrolling or with a relationship with the NSP, and to not let your skills lapse as you move forward to the next chapter in your lives. Here is what you can do to continue with the family that is the NSP.

- **If possible, it would be great to have you stay with your patrol, or join a new patrol if you are moving somewhere, and continue patrolling.** Stay close to your own patrol and continue patrolling there, if possible. If you are moving, then check out the NSP website for information on ski patrols around the country – see if there is a ski patrol nearby where you will be. Reach out to the Patrol Director at a ski area near wherever you will be, and see if there are opportunities to be involved in that patrol.
- **Maintain your OEC** – refresh your OEC with your patrol or with another patrol nearby wherever you are. You have worked hard for your OEC certification – don't let it lapse by missing a refresher. Your OEC is a valuable certification, and maintaining your OEC certification gives you the most flexibility in joining a ski patrol in the future if/when you are in a position to do so. You can refresh your OEC with your ski patrol, or, if you are moving, you can check the NSP website for available OEC refreshers (including hybrid refreshers) nearby wherever you will be. You should expect that you will need an NSP # in order to register for an OEC refresher or hybrid OEC refresher in the fall – (i) if your current NSP # for 2017 continues to be valid past the OEC refresher period, then you should be able to use that to register for OEC refreshers, or, (ii) to maintain your NSP #, if you aren't going to be with a specific ski patrol, then you can sign up for an *Alumni membership* with the NSP for \$30 (and you get access to most pro form purchases, so the membership probably can pay for itself with pro form savings!). For information on how to become an Alumni member go here: http://www.nsp.org/NSPMember/Amni_FAQ.about_Us/Aluspx (the application for Alumni membership is in the Frequently Asked Questions section).
- **Maintain a relationship with the NSP as an Alumni member** – for \$30 per year you can maintain a relationship with the NSP as a member, maintain a NSP#, receive Ski Patrol Magazine, and as a member have access to NSP member ski patrol shopping catalogue and most pro form goods. This is a great way to stay close to your family of ski patrollers across the country. To qualify you must have patrolled one full ski season (and not as a Candidate). For information on how to become an Alumni member go here: <http://www.nsp.org/NSPMember/Programs/Alumni/NSPMember/Programs/Alumni.aspx> (the application for Alumni membership is in the Frequently Asked Questions section).

The above is from National as suggestions on what graduating YAP members can do to keep current with patrolling during school!

Thanks
Dave Brown

OET REPORT

By Jeffrey Weitz, OET Advisor

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Transportation Program:

This season we focused all the regions on getting their instructors updated and re-calibrated under the new course registration and closure procedures put out by NSP. With approx. 200 OET instructors in the PNWD this has taken a team effort from the region OET Supervisors and will continue into the 2017-2018 season as well. The Mt Hood Nuts and Bolts program last summer offered a 3-day boot camp for instructors that was widely received and attended, offering instructors opportunities to train and recertify their credentials. We will be offering this same program this June again at the 2017 Mt Hood Nuts and Bolts clinics.

I have also been working with NSP to update and correct many of our instructor's records that had not been updated correctly or information had been dropped off their records during the transition to the new IT System. This will also continue into next season as we uncover some of the missing records from our OET instructors and IT's.

For the past several months, we have been holding monthly OET conference calls with the 5 regions and collaborating on various issues from instructors needs, clinics being offered in each region and the senior program. The input from all regions has been valuable and informative and the ability to share best practices has been beneficial in our attempt to standardize the PNWD OET programs across the region. These monthly calls will continue for the next season as well.

The Senior OET Manual was updated last year and we have been working together region by region to standardize forms and practices to create a more consistent senior training and evaluation program. The regions are slowly adopting the new manual and will continue to adjust their regional programs to be in accordance with the new manual. Various senior T/E clinics were held in each region this year and have provided excellent training for those instructors who are participating in the Senior OET Program.

At the National level, the Division OET Advisors have been collaborating on our monthly conference calls on a variety of issues for the NSP OET Program with Division Advisors in the Central and Eastern Division changing this season. In addition, we have a new NSP National OET director, Marc Barlage, who hit the ground running with our 3 day face to face meetings in Snowmass, Co this past month. This committee worked on completing new course descriptions and an outline for a Continuing Education for Instructors Course called the ICE course. This course has been forwarded onto the NSP Education committee for their approval. This will become one of the required courses for all OET instructors to get their 3-year re-certification completed. The course will cover such things as course registration, course closure, course editing, release forms as well as local area protocol for paperwork for the resorts, to name a few.

We are also now working on a course description for the Senior OPET Trainer/Evaluator continuing education course and that should be completed within the next 30 days for submittal to the NSP Education Committee. At the 3-day face to face, prior to the start of Powderfall, we were able to spend time on the hill creating a video tool box of standard techniques in running toboggans that will be professionally edited and then put into a toolbox of videos on the NSP Website for all instructors and alpine patrollers to use as a reference in training and practice. We will continue to expand this tool box of videos into next season.

One of my goals this coming season is to have the regions expand the use of video in their training of candidates, instructors & mentees. I will be working with each region to explore the best ways to implement this valuable tool.

The final OET Training event will be held again this year hosted by the Wy'East Region at Timberline with the 16th Annual Mt Hood Nuts and Bolts clinics. We will be offering 14 different clinics over the 3 days of instruction, collaboration & camaraderie. Last years event attracted Alpine patrollers and Instructors from the Central Division, the Rocky Mountain Division, the Inner Mountain Division, The Farwest Division and the PNWD. We are looking to have over 100 folks in attendance.

This has been a very productive and long season with some of the best conditions in the PNWD we have seen in years! Looking forward to continuing the great work and dedication by the OET team as we bid farewell to the 2017 season and welcome the 2018 season. All the best and thank you to all the dedicated staff and members of the PNWD!

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Weitz, Mt Hood Ski Patrol
2017 PNWD OET Advisor

AVALANCHE REPORT

By Patrick Stanton, Avalanche Advisor

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Summary

Well another season is close to a wrap, although in most of the Pacific Northwest Division several areas are continuing to operate into May and of course with our abundance of snow in general there will be touring opportunities for several months more. To wrap up the Avalanche program for 16/17, I will cover the following items: How the season stacked up for incidents, NSP courses executed in 16/17, upcoming curriculum changes originating from the American Avalanche Association, and lastly future training opportunities.

Overall US Avalanche Incidents 16/17

While the season is not entirely over, we are running significantly lower than the 10 year average of 27 avalanche fatalities in the US. We are sitting at 12 now and one really interesting note is this season there have been no fatalities in Colorado or Utah.

2016-2017 SEASON

12 US fatalities

Activity	Killed
Skier †	5
Snowboarder †	0
Snowmobiler	4
Snowshoer/Climber/Hiker	3
Other	0
Total	12
† Inbounds skier/boarder	1

Date ▲	State	Location	Description	Killed
04/11	WA	Red Mountain, north of Snoqualmie Pass	1 backcountry tourer caught, killed.	1
04/01	AK	North Pole	1 resident partially buried-critical, later died	1
03/04	WA	Hawkins Mountain, north of Cle Elum	2 snowmobilers caught, 1 partially buried, 1 buried and killed	1
02/14	CO	Near West Lost Lake, Flat Tops Wilderness area	2 snow bike riders caught, 1 buried and killed	1
02/09	ID	McCoy Creek, Caribou Range east of Idaho Falls	1 snowmobiler buried and killed	1
01/28	AK	Near Cooper Landing, Kenai Peninsula	2 snowmobilers caught, 1 partially buried, 1 buried and killed	1
01/05	MT	Mt. Stanton, north of West Glacier	1 backcountry tourer caught, partially buried, and killed	1
01/04 †	WA	Near Crystal Mountain, south of Greenwater	1 backcountry tourer caught, partially buried, and killed	1
12/27 †	WA	West of White Pass Ski Area	1 sidecountry rider caught, killed	1
12/23	WY	East of Grand Targee Resort	1 sidecountry rider caught, buried and killed	1
12/11	MT	Henderson Mountain, near Cooke City	2 hybrid tourers caught, 1 partially buried, 1 buried and killed	1
12/10	NV	Mt. Rose Chutes - Closed Area	1 inbounds rider caught, buried, and killed	1

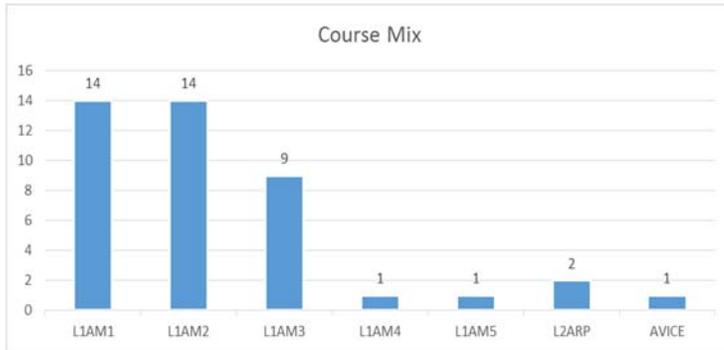
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NSP Courses in the Pacific Northwest Division 16/17

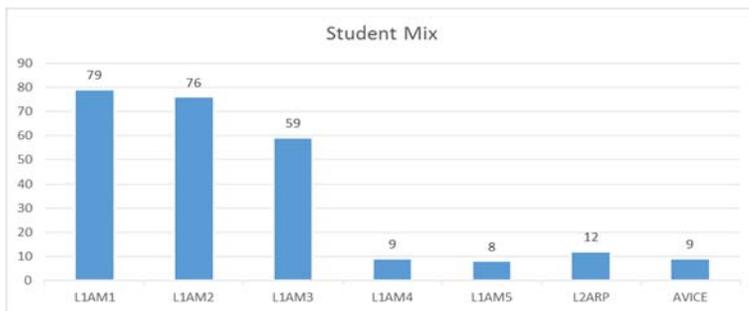
For the Pacific Northwest Division we had a consistent number and mix of courses. Starting with the course mix, the graph below shows the number of courses taught per course type. Level I of course leading the way in number of courses.

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AVALANCHE REPORT Continued

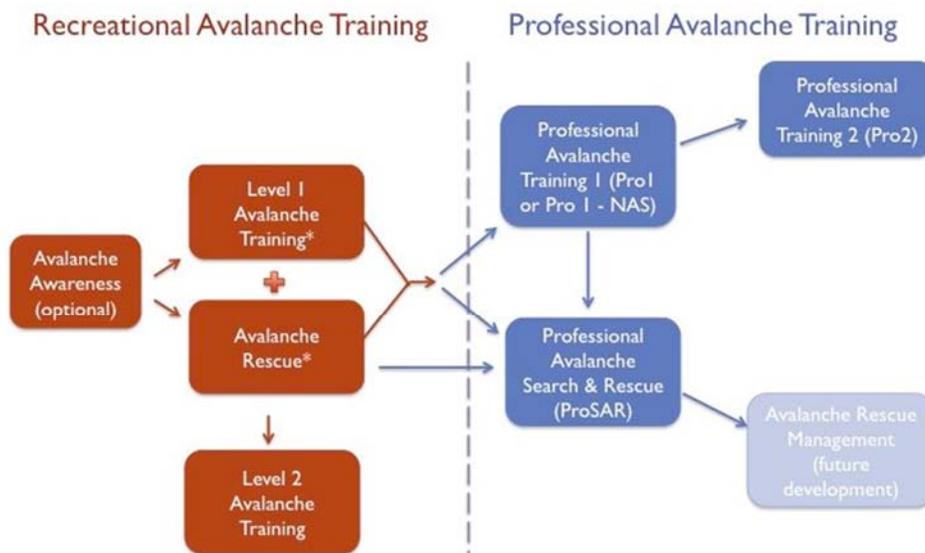


Then looking at the number of students, as could be expected overweight towards Level 1. Great work by all the instructors out there and we continue to see high demand for courses and the limiting factor really being instructor motivation and availability.



Changes to the Avalanche Curriculum

The American Avalanche Association has spent the past few seasons revamping their curriculum model for avalanche training. You can read more info here <https://aaa19.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Rec%20Guidelines%20TAR%2034.3.pdf> but in short you can see in the graphic below, how they see the various courses and target audiences. (Continued next page)



* There are NO prerequisites for Avalanche Rescue or Level 1 Avalanche Training. However, both courses are required for progression to Level 2 Avalanche Training and/or Professional Avalanche Training 1.



AVALANCHE REPORT Continued

From a NSP perspective, the National Avalanche Committee met prior to Powderfall to look at the new curriculum and determine what changes might be needed for the NSP courses and curriculum. Nothing is ready for distribution yet, but a few changes will be coming in the next few seasons to align and provide guidance to instructors.

Avalanche Instructors

The NSP Avalanche Program serves a unique role in the overall avalanche education paradigm, which is offering NSP members top notch avalanche education through the NSP education system. NSP Avalanche courses are rooted in the curriculum from the American Avalanche association and adapted to meet the needs of NSP members. In 2014, the latest Avalanche Instructor Manual (AIM) was published and offers an excellent program wide set of materials to offer NSP members a premier avalanche education. In addition to the AIM the NSP BCA joint publication "Avalanche Rescue Fundamentals 2nd edition" is another excellent resource. One more important piece is the critical link, which is great instructors. And like all NSP education programs, volunteer instructors are the critical piece to being able to deliver effective education. There are two main threads for having a great instructor core:

1. New Instructors

Every year instructors, instructor trainers, patrol and regional advisors should be on the lookout for students that have the aptitude and interest to become avalanche instructors. I look at my Level II class every year critically to engage those students to start teaching. We can ease them into trying to teach a session in upcoming courses, either classroom or field, and if they find it rewarding get them started with an instructor application and beginning the mentoring program. New instructors are critical to the long-term health of the program.

2. Current Instructors

Frankly I find keeping current instructors at the same level of enthusiasm and aptitude as when they first became instructors to be challenging. It goes beyond staying active teaching courses to being a continual student in the field yourself and seeking out opportunities to improve in your trade.

Additional Avalanche Training

2017 National Avalanche School returns – this year at Breckenridge, CO. <http://www.avalancheschool.org/>

Need your Level II avalanche certification – there is one course already scheduled for the 17-18 season. Patrick Stanton is the IOR and it will be held up in the Seattle area. Course is register on NSP # P037170004

-Patrick Stanton

PATROLLER/SAFETY REPORT

By Jodie Jeffers, Patroller/Safety Advisor

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What a great ski season for the PNWD! While the ski season is coming to a close or has for some areas, it does not mean that the work is done for any of us. Keep Calm & Safety On!!!

Those areas that have not closed have turned to the summer activities....bicycling, zip lines, water sports and the list goes on. What to do now? Obviously staying current with your OEC reading and skills are paramount but what else? Are you going to try to do a new sport for the summer, look for new gear, take a brief break, ready to plan for fall and the Division's Convention in August?

There is no time like the present to think SAFETY for everything. While thinking is great, what are you going to do about it? How does your patrol help to promote safety as well as your area? If not so much, than what about you getting your patrol involved? If you think there should be more, than start **NOW!**

As your Patroller/Advisor, my summer focus is two fold, one is SAFETY and the other is participating with the Senior Program-Patroller Candidate Handbook. The Senior Program Division manual is being consolidated and created for the candidates perspective from all disciplines and areas. So what are your plans this summer??

We all find us scrambling for everything to do come fall and then usually we get very busy preparing for the next season with hopeful snow skiing, and then we are behind to get any Safety activities rolling. Start the conversation/plan now and let itself snowball into winter! I am here to help and offer contacts at the National Level for you. There is always the basic review items such as Helmet and Sun Safety that are paramount all year around. **Just get Safety started!!**

Things to do now or to plan for the next season:

Look into approaching local schools, local ski/sport shops for an evening topic on Safety from the patroller standpoint? Sun Safety - can not go wrong there!! Is your local hospital offering a public safety event to join in on?

Does your patrol get or give information to your local area regarding other Safety considerations that may include chair lifts, snowmobiles, public information, events, etc? Do you work with your local fire, ems, air medical, law enforcement, and hospitals to promote safety? If no, why not? If yes, what do you do?

Please stay safe and promote safety!

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PNWD OEC FUND

If you are an OEC instructor and have been teaching full/challenge courses, please make sure, that you remember to submit your PNWD OEC Course Enrollment Fees to the division.

The fee is \$10 per student enrolled in any full or challenge OEC course. There is a form on the division website which will help you with submittal. If you taught a class in recent years go back and make sure that you / your patrol paid these fees. If you taught a course this past season or are teaching a course this next season, don't forget about this in your course planning.





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Forest Service approves expansion for Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation area

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Coeur d'Alene, Idaho (May 19, 2017) –Idaho Panhandle National Forest Supervisor Mary Farnsworth and Lolo Forest Supervisor Tim Garcia are pleased to announce they have signed the Record of Decision approving the expansion of the Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area. “I am thrilled to initiate the expansion of skiable terrain and additional facilities for the enjoyment of our skiing and riding guests,” said Phil Edholm, President and CEO of Lookout Pass.

The recently signed decision allows the Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area to begin implementing expansion plans outlined in the decision. The expansion provides an opportunity to build upon the overall public recreation experience at Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area, contribute economically to local communities, and meets the Forest Service’s goals to provide a diverse range of developed recreation opportunities for the public.



Peak representing the expansion area
(Lookout Pass Ski & Recreation Area photo)

The expansion increases the special-use permit area from 538 acres to a total of 1,023 acres, and includes approximately 100 acres of new ski terrain (groomed and gladed), installation of two new chair lifts offering up to a 1,650’ vertical drop, upgrading an existing chair lift, construction of new maintenance and guest service facilities, and 130 additional parking spaces. The winter recreation expansion review process began in early 2014 and included extensive environmental analysis and opportunity for public comment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Work is expected to begin this summer.

This project was subject to review and objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218 regulations (Subparts A and B). Two objections were received, focused largely on user conflicts and on dispersed winter recreation (both motorized and non-motorized) in the St. Regis Basin and larger Stevens Peak backcountry area. After review of the objections, the objection reviewing officer offered instructions to the Forest Supervisors regarding clarification of cumulative effects and organization of a meeting to discuss long-term winter recreation use. Both instructions were met, and the expansion was approved.

The Lookout Pass Ski and Recreation Area is located on National Forest System Lands administered by the Lolo and Idaho Panhandle National Forests, and currently operates under a Special Use Permit administered by the U.S. Forest Service to provide winter recreation opportunities.

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Route to becoming an NSP Instructor

Interest -> MENTORING -> Certification

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1. Meets NSP Membership Requirements
2. Completion of courses in that discipline (i.e. Aval Level I and Aval Level II)
3. Experience and Interest in teaching that discipline
4. Instructor Development Course – Complete the NSP's instructor Development course.
 - a. Can be a standard/traditional course or an on-line course
 - b. On-line course. If taking the on-line course, you register directly through the NSP and take the course. Note that the on-line part is only part of the class. After completion you will need to submit your course completion certificate to the Region ID Administrator and he/she will assign an ID instructor to give you Part two of the class. Once part two is completed your NSP profile will be updated to reflect completion of the full ID course.
5. Instructor Application
 - a. Complete and submit an Instructor Application for the NSP discipline that you are interested in teaching. (ONLY one discipline per form)
 - b. Obtain appropriate signatures on the application (recommendations)
 - c. Make suggestions on possible mentors.
 - d. Attach a copy of your NSP member profile.
 - e. Turn application into the Region Instructor Development Advisor, who will log the submittal of the application and forward it on to the Administrator for the program you are applying.
 - f. If your region does not have a Regional Instructor Development program Advisor, then turn the application into the Region Program Administrator, if there is not one of those, submit to the Division Program Supervisor.
6. Mentor Assigned
 - a. A mentor will be assigned by the Region Program Administrator with input/suggestions from the patrol (as noted on instructor application in notes section)
 - b. Generally from home patrol or someone geographically close to mentee.
 - c. Mentor maintains and completes the mentoring completion form.
7. Mentor and Mentee work together
 - a. Mentee must have their own copies of discipline manuals: Instructor Manual and Textbooks
 - b. Hone teaching skills
 - c. Master understanding of programs Administrative Policies
 - d. Teaching exercises (full, refresher, and continuing education type programs)
 - e. The timeframe for this mentorship period will vary by individual and time of year.
 - f. The mentor is responsible for completing the 'Mentorship Completion Form' and passing it on to the IT.
8. Mentor requests Instructor Trainer Review
 - a. When the Mentor feels that the mentee has a solid grasp of the materials and policies and is ready for possible certification, he/she contacts the Region Program Administrator and requests an IT observation and evaluation.
9. Region Administrator assigns and IT for Review/Evaluation
 - a. Generally from same discipline
 - b. Not from the home patrol of the mentee
 - c. If no IT is available from that discipline one from another discipline can be used, at the discretion and with approval of the Division Supervisor.
10. Depending on outcome of IT Review/Evaluation
 - a. Mentee is sent back to the mentor for remediation
 - b. If giving recommendation for approval for Certification:
 - i. The IT completes the IT sections of the 'mentoring completion' and 'instructor application' paperwork and submits to the Division Program Supervisor.
11. The Division Program Supervisor reviews all materials (application and mentorship forms), if all is in order:
 - a. Signs both documents and submits instructor application form to the national office requesting certification.
 - b. Notifies the Mentee, Mentor, Region Administrator of the certification.
 - c. Division Supervisor or Region Administrator notifies the Patrol Director that he/she has a new instructor.
12. Note: The mentor mentee relationship does not have to stop upon certification. The new instructor should feel able to contact his/her mentor at any time down the line with questions, etc...

Instructor Recertification Requirements/Process

Instructor Certification Cycle – Three years ending in December.

Recertification is not automatic.

1. Maintain NSP membership
2. Apply for Recertification - through Region Program Administrator
 - a. Maintain basic certifications for discipline
 - b. Submit Records of Activity during period of Instructor Certification
 - i. Teaching Activity
 - ii. Instructor Continuing Education Seminar for the discipline, conducted by the Division or Region
 - iii. Instructor Trainer (IT) review
 - c. Region Administrator or Division Supervisor may or may not send letter asking for these records
3. Recertification granted or denied, based on records submitted, and QA factors.
4. Region Administrator sends roster of instructor recertification recommendations to the Division Supervisor.
5. Division Supervisor submits recertification rosters to the National Office.

Instructor Trainer / IT Appointment Process

IT / Instructor Trainer Appointment Cycle – One year ending in December.

Reappointment is not automatic.

1. Maintain membership in NSP
2. Apply for Appointment or Reappointment - through Region Program Administrator
 - a. Maintain basic certifications for discipline
 - b. Maintain Records of Activity during period of Instructor Certification
 - i. Teaching Activity and IT activities
 1. Teaching requirement may be waived during period of IT appointment, but records should be kept for at least IT activities
 - ii. Instructor Continuing Education Seminar for the discipline, conducted by the Division or Region
 - iii. Instructor Trainer (IT) review
 - c. Region Administrator or Division Supervisor may or may not send request for these records.
2. Appointments and Reappointments granted or denied, based on records submitted, QA factors, and the IT needs of the Region.
3. Appointments/Reappointments are made by the Division Program Supervisor with input from Region Prog. Admin.
4. Division Supervisor submits appointment paperwork to the National Office.



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