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## DIVISION DIRECTOR REPORT

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It's hard to believe we are heading toward the end of the ski season and the beginning of bike season. Many of our areas here in the Northwest were hit by large snow storms in December/January and then left with sunshine and icy conditions through February. This can make for some challenging patrol days. I'm hopeful that we will end the ski season on a high note with lots of snow, some excellent powder, and a bit of spring skiing.

I am planning on attending the OET Senior Final for Oregon/WyEast at Mt Bachelor the second weekend of March. They will also be hosting a Nuts and Bolts that same weekend. If you are interested in attending, they do want people to RSVP. Please reach out to Joe Harwood at [jhwood6@gmail.com](mailto:jhwood6@gmail.com). I'm also hoping to attend the NW Senior OEC Final at Hyak at the end of March. It is exciting for me to visit other areas and have the opportunity to see all the good that you are doing to help support our members as they improve their skills.

Please help me congratulate Andy Bechdolt on another term as Oregon Region Director. The election for WyEast Region Director is still going on. Due to a lack of submissions, we are running another election slot for the RD for Northwest. Stay tuned.

As for Division specific and National news:

### PNWD News:

#### April PNWD E-Board Meeting

As a reminder, the April PNWD Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> in Molalla, Oregon. This is typically a meeting with the Division Director, Region Directors, and some administrative staff. If you have an interest in attending, or have any agenda items you would like discussed, please email me at [shelley.urben@nsp-pnwd.org](mailto:shelley.urben@nsp-pnwd.org). We will be working on the draft budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. If you are a Division Supervisor or Division Staff Member, please be on the lookout for an email from our Treasurer, Walt Seidel, for your budgeting needs. You will also be getting an email from Kay Seidel, our Secretary, for a year-end report.

#### ICE Course and Nuts and Bolts

Please save the first weekend of June for the Nuts and Bolts that happens at Mt Hood each year. We are also incorporating an Instructor Continuing Education conference that same weekend at Mt. Hood. Although it will run separate, this conference will be integrated into the Nuts and Bolts schedule to optimize your time if you want to attend both.

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If you are an instructor in any discipline, you do need to take the appropriate courses for your discipline (global and discipline specific) once every three years. Please look elsewhere in the newsletter for more information, including course registration numbers.

## Closing out courses

Instructors: If you have registered a course of any kind, please make sure you go in and finalize the actual closure date of that course once it's completed. Your students need an accurate date recorded so that their profiles show that they are up to date in that class.

IT's and IOR's: Make sure you are closing courses in a timely manner. If you are not getting the responses needed to close a course (from National or otherwise), please let me know and I will help facilitate the closure.

## PNWD SafetyCulture4All Workshops

Remember to mark your calendars so that you can attend the PNWD Safety Zoom workshops each month. These occur every third Tuesday and everyone is invited. The first 20 to 30 minutes of each workshop are devoted to safety within a specific discipline. The last 20-30 minutes of each workshop focus' on Psychological First Aid Care – proactive mental and physical health care for the patroller and our guests. You may attend for the full hour, or for a single part. Please see the flyer in this newsletter, or go to <https://www.nsp-pnwd.org/safetyculture4all-series.html> for details including login information.

## PNWD Website

The Division Website has been updated and we are continuing to add to it. Please check it out at [www.nsp-pnwd.org](http://www.nsp-pnwd.org) and email Jodie Jeffers ([tailwaggin@gmail.com](mailto:tailwaggin@gmail.com)) or me with suggestions. Our goal is to make our website relevant, accessible, and easy to use. We are in the process of creating generic emails for all of our Division Staff and Supervisors. This will protect their personal emails from being made public, and will allow us to easily change emails in the background.

## National News

### New NSP Chair

Please help me congratulate Rick Boyce from FarWest Division as the new National Board Chair. I have had the privilege of working with Rick on several projects over the past couple of years, and know that he is the kind of leader who understands process, strategy, and commitment. He has already hit the ground running with weekly board work sessions and carefully thought-out plans on several big ticket issues facing the NSP. I am confident that all of us will be hearing and seeing positive forward movement in the NSP from Rick and the National Board over the next few weeks and months.

### NSP Code of Conduct

A great deal of work is currently underway for the development of a revised Code of Conduct/Complaint process. The process is being simplified with step-by-step instructions for the complainant, the person receiving the complaint, and the accused. The primary document has also been rewritten so that it includes DEI related concerns, has more readability and is more user-friendly. There will be a training event on the new Code of Conduct for leadership at the end of March. Please watch your email boxes for details.

### Learning Management System (LMS) and Member Management System (MMS)

National is on target for the roll out of the new Learning Management System in late June/early July. The LMS team is currently gathering content for each program and will be testing the courses in the coming months. The goal is to create more interactive and engaging material while integrating course logistics smoothly with an updated Member Management System to come out shortly after. I am hoping to see a demo of the new platform in the next few weeks.

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If you have questions, want to know more, or are interested in participating in the testing of the LMS, please get in touch with me.

## PowderFall

PowderFall 2022 will be taking place in Breckenridge, Colorado April 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. I know that many of our PNWD members are attending. I look forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks to all of you for your confidence in me, and allowing me to serve you for another three-year term. I am here to listen, work with you and for you, and do what I can to help the NSP be of value to you as you do the work of patrolling.

Please feel free to contact me any time. I will do my best to answer right away, or get back to you in a timely manner. We are here to work together, keep each other and the public safe, and provide the highest standard of care to our guests in the outdoor, and occasionally indoor, environments.

I look forward to seeing you on the hill.

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## DEI Policy

As NSP members each of you received an email from the NSP on 2/9 which spoke to a DEI – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policy. This mailing asked for your feedback. If you have not already given your feedback you are encouraged to do so now. Your voices and comments pro or con are important to us.

**Thank you, Liz Dodge, National Board Member.**

### **NSP'S COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

NSP's leadership has taken time for our organization to listen to our members and to the larger snow sports community about issues and experiences related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. We spent time this fall working on an assessment of where we are and how we can improve. We recognize that we have much to learn, and lots of hard work to do to become the organization we need to be for our members and the outdoor recreation community that we serve. We are now pursuing specific commitments to make long-lasting, sustainable change. You can learn more about NSP's DEI policy, and read the report from a recent assessment on the [DEI page of nsp.org](#).

**GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK**

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=3V1K74hMR0m5SgljBHA2iA4BFvxUhPo8QxMW1PgmJUODNXQTBBNU9OQVpYMT'ZKN1oyNkRKU01VRiQIQCN0PWcu>

# INLAND EMPIRE REGION REPORT

By Dan Becker, Inland Empire Region Director

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We are in the heart of the 2021-2022 season.

With our Region Calibration Clinic behind us we did at Silver Mt. January 8th.

There were 3 OET calibration groups, 2 toboggans & 1 PSIA.

OEC held recertification classes to meet OEC instructor needs.

IER (Inland Empire Region) has 2 Advanced/Senior Clinics behind them now. The first was held at Loup Loup on January 22nd & 23rd.

We did OEC Advanced/Senior training involving 4 candidates.

OET did PSIA ski training Saturday the 22nd.

Toboggan was done the 22nd and 1/2 day the 23rd.

We certified 1 OET Instructor for Loup Loup during the training.

OEC did Advanced / Senior training both days as well checking off seniors & skills.

The 2nd Clinic was held at Mission Ridge, February 5th & 6th.

OET had PSIA Saturday the 5th plus toboggan training and 1/2 day of toboggan training on Sunday the 6th.

OEC continued Advanced/Senior training both days doing seniors and skill check offs.

IER has 1 Advanced/Senior Clinic scheduled at Mt. Spokane this month on February 19th & 20th.

The IER Advanced/Senior Evaluation will be at Lookout Pass Ski Area March 5th.

49 Degrees North is enjoying their new Quad Chair, Northern Spirit, and their snow making equipment.

Lookout Pass is offering Cat rides to the new 640 acre expansion, Eagle Peak, where there is going to be a new quad chair next season.

Dan Becker

IER RD

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Division National Ski Patrol when you shop at  
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designated charity.*



# OREGON REGION REPORT

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The Oregon Region has been very busy! In January, Oregon Region staff held a combination OEC Senior Clinic and a Senior Trainer/Evaluator at Mt. Ashland. Darrin Witwer (Mt. Bachelor and Assistant OET Advisor) travelled to Warner Canyon to run an OET Clinic, and Joe Harwood, Darrin Witwer and Eric Brittingham travelled to Santiam Pass for a Senior OET Clinic. They all had a great turnout and excellent training.

As I write this, we are in the midst of a new storm; we all needed some refills!

If you haven't yet, I highly suggest that you tune in to the Safety Culture Workshops. They are hosted via Zoom. The next one will be on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Coming up soon, we have a mini Nuts and Bolts clinic at Mt. Bachelor. If you are planning on attending, you have to RSVP – all of the information is below.

## **Saturday, March 12**

8 a.m. Registration and welcome at lower level of West Village Lodge  
9 a.m. Load Pine Marten chair  
9:30 a.m. Toboggan Enhancement -- Cascade 100/350 and Edge Rescue  
12:30 p.m. Lunch at Pine Marten Lodge  
1:15 p.m. PSIA Ski Enhancement Seminar  
1:15 p.m. Senior OET Trainer/Evaluator calibration  
4 p.m. Debrief at Pine Marten Lodge lower level  
Saturday evening: We are planning a social event for visitors. Details to follow.

## **Sunday, March 13**

8 a.m. Registration and welcome  
9 a.m. Load Pine Marten chair  
9:15 a.m. PSIA Ski Enhancement Seminar  
9:15 a.m. OET Senior Evaluations for Wy'East/Oregon regions  
12:30 p.m. Lunch at Pine Marten Lodge  
3 p.m. Debrief at Pine Marten Lodge

### **RSVP required**

No patrol jackets for visiting patrollers

To receive a 50% discount on lift tickets, bring your NSP member card and your season pass from your home mountain

Due to heavy weekend traffic and limited parking, we urge all visiting patrollers to arrive at the mountain no later than 7:30 a.m

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## WY'EAST REGION REPORT

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Hopefully the drought is over. As of February 15<sup>th</sup>, we have a bit of new snow with more in the forecast. It has to be the strangest winter I can remember with a huge dump and then a long warm dry spell. Our Avy I and Avy updates have had really hard snow packs, pretty much impossible to probe. We have an Avy II class starting in March. Maybe, we will have a snow pack that the students can dig pits in, and that does not look like one layer all the way down.

Wy'east is planning on a MTR Class later this spring, but it is not on the schedule yet.

Wy'east is hosting both Nuts and Bolts and the PNWD All Discipline Instructor Continued Education (ICE) Conference 2022, the first weekend in June. Nuts and Bolts is June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. The ICE Conference is June 4<sup>th</sup>. (See Kathy Lee's Article in this issue of the Nor'Wester). Note that these are separate events. Registering for One does not automatically include the other.

Wy'east is also Hosting the Division Convention in Portland, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. (See the 2022 Convention Article in this issue of the Nor'Wester).

Joel Stevens Wy'east RD

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## SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION REPORT

By David Campbell, Southern Idaho Region Director

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Lots has been happening in the region. There have been two senior clinic's, both well attended with lots of learning and fun. We have had two SES clinic's, one at Anthony Lakes and one at Soldier Mountain. There have been several avalanche classes, and Nordic clinics.

The Eddie Orbea Senior Test is March 12-13, hosted by Anthony Lakes. By the time you read this, we should have several new seniors in the region. We also have a Nordic senior slated for March 26-27 at Bear Basin near McCall Idaho.

We have two new patrols in the region, Payette Lakes Nordic and Brundage Mountain Patrol. Thank you, Eugene Smith, for all your work getting Payette Lakes Nordic up and running and also stepping up to be the Region Nordic Advisor.

Unfortunately, there have been many long-term patrollers that have taken their final runs. Memorial sweeps are planned at Bogus Basin and Anthony Lakes. May these patrollers always have blue bird skies and fresh powder.

Something that seems to be happening on a region and divisional level: I see a growing divide between the **National Ski Patrol** volunteer and **National Ski Patrol** Paid "PRO" patrollers. I would like to say that we are all Professionals. We train to the same standard. We all do this because we love to ski and help people. Some of us get paid, most of us volunteer. The public see no difference between paid or volunteer. So maybe its time for us to be one patrol, a National Ski Patroller, some paid, some volunteer, ALL PROFESSIONAL. I feel we need to come together as one cohesive group not multiple groups competing, trying to do the same thing, help the skiing public and the areas we work at.

Enjoy the rest of the season, be positive, be safe, be adaptable and be professional.

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## The Other Pandemic – Narcotic Overdose Deaths

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We are experiencing a staggering increase in narcotic overdose deaths in the US potentially for a multitude of reasons including:

- Increased availability of street drugs contaminated with powerful narcotics from overseas sources,
- Isolation of young people from friends and social activities due to COVID, leading to drug experimentation,
- Improper storage of prescription narcotics in homes,
- Increased acceptance of mind-altering drugs leading to increased experimentation with other drugs.

In 2010 there were 21,088 narcotic overdose deaths in the US. This steadily increased to a relatively stable level of 47,600 deaths in 2017, 46,802 deaths in 2018 and 49,860 deaths in 2019. Then came the COVID pandemic with an associated rise of narcotic overdose deaths to 78,056 in 2020 and 100,306 narcotic overdose deaths in 2021. *A doubling of deaths in the 2 years since the COVID pandemic started!*

We are beginning to see narcotic overdoses at our ski areas to which as patrollers we might be required to respond. Recently, the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol had its first overdose case and then a week later responded to a second case, both which were successfully treated. However, as individuals in the community, it is also possible we may see this problem with our friends, business associates and *even our own families*. It is critical that everyone become acquainted with the signs of drug overdose and the emergency life-saving treatment that needs to be taken BEFORE an ambulance crew arrives. Death can occur from narcotic overdose in as little as 8 minutes – well before an ambulance can arrive at the scene.

So, what should we do if a drug overdose is suspected?

Assess the scene. Look for needles or other drug paraphernalia. Be careful not to accidentally contaminate or injure yourself.

Evaluate the patient for:

- Unconsciousness or inability to wake up
- Limp body
- Falling asleep, extreme drowsiness
- Slow, shallow or irregular breathing
- Pale, blue, cold and/or clammy skin, lips or fingernails
- Choking, snoring or gurgling sounds

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Slow or no heart beat

Very small or “pinpoint” pupils

**If the situation is unclear, proceed with treatment as if it is an overdose.**

Call the person’s name.

If there is no response, vigorously grind your knuckles into the patient’s sternum or rub your knuckles on the patient’s upper lip.

If the patient responds, assess if they can maintain breathing and responsiveness. Try to keep the person awake and alert.

If the patient does not respond call 911.

If available, administer a dose of naloxone (Narcan). There are several different devices available: 1. Nasal “atomizer” - insert the device nozzle into the patient’s nose and squeezing. DO NOT “TEST” THE DEVICE. 2. Nasal syringe – Insert the device into the nostril and inject ½ into each nostril. 3. Auto-injector – Place on patient’s thigh and press. This can be done through clothing. Read the accompanying instructions to know the correct way to administer the type of device you have available.

Even if the person is responding after Naloxone is administered call 911! They will need to be professionally monitored for several hours and the effect from the Naloxone may only last for a short period.

Call for additional assistance! Naloxone results in an acute withdrawal from the narcotic which *can* result in the patient becoming extremely agitated and combative with unusual strength. If this occurs, you will need assistance to restrain the patient to prevent injury to them and you. Recently it took 4 patrollers to hold down a 16 y/o girl.

If the person has not responded to the first dose of Naloxone in 2-3 minutes, administer a second dose.

Position the patient on their side in “recovery position.”

If the patient stops breathing, begin CPR.

Continue to monitor the patient until relieved by the ambulance crew.

*It should be noted that Naloxone is extremely safe. If administered to someone who is not overdosed on narcotics, it does not result in any clinical effects. It is better to administer naloxone even if unsure if this is a narcotic overdose. Naloxone is safe to use with pregnant women.*

You should **NOT** do the following:

Do not slap or forcefully try to stimulate the person – this can lead to additional injury.

Do not put the person in a cold shower or bath. This increases the risk of falling, drowning or going into shock.

Do not inject the person with any substance (e.g. saltwater, milk, stimulants). The only safe treatment is Naloxone.

Do not try to make the person vomit drugs that may have been swallowed. Choking or inhaling vomit into the lungs can cause a fatal result.

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Naloxone is widely available without a prescription (can vary by state) at a retail drug store for about \$130.00, however, there are multiple other sources such as state programs and other organizations where Naloxone can be obtained at a lower price or even free. Check what is available in your locality.

Other suggestions that can be taken to help avoid this situation:

If you have prescription narcotics at home, make sure they are stored in a place where “inquisitive hands” cannot access them – you may be surprised how easily what we think as “safe storage” can be opened. Keep track of your narcotic supply and react if you observe an unexpected absence of some of your meds. You might want to have Naloxone handy if you do have narcotics in the house.

Be aware of the mental health of your children/teenagers. Are they withdrawing and isolating themselves from the rest of the family? Are you finding suspicious packaging, flyers, and objects in their bedroom? Have they changed their associations/friends? Try and keep them involved in family activities and make them aware you understand that the current COVID isolation is difficult for them.

Discuss the rise of drug overdose deaths with your family and the risk of using street drugs of unknown origin.

The following video is an excellent review and discussion of this problem and the first aid needed for its treatment. I would recommend everyone watch it. If you have trouble opening any of the below references, copy the link into your internet browser to view the item.

Administering Naloxone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nurz9qPGKws>

Here are additional resources that may be helpful for your review:

Narcan Nasal Spray

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=WkWXX5DPmpg>

Naloxone Administration with Nasal Syringe

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=BHNeLucT728>

Naloxone Injection Video

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=0Z-y7CoeDMc>

Naloxone Administration

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=JJmCfseNtsU>

NIDA. 2022, January 11. Naloxone DrugFacts. Retrieved from <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/naloxone> on 2022, January 25

<https://health.ri.gov/materialbyothers/NaloxoneAdministrationSteps.pdf>

*My thanks to Cleo Howell, Will Parady, Dave Winterling and Matt Rea for their assistance with this article.*

# AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS REPORT

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Liz Dodge – PNWD Liaison to the British Columbia Affiliates

Just a quick note to keep you all abreast of what is happening in the world of NSP Affiliate Organizations. First, for those of you who do not know, the NSP has a process through which outside organizations may contract with the NSP enabling them to participate in some NSP educational programs. These groups are connected to NSP divisions for the unit-level maintenance of these contracts and oversight of the programs. All members of these groups are considered Associate members of the NSP. Currently, there are approximately 6 affiliate contracts with approximately 300 Associate members in the NSP. This number is way down from some years ago.

The PNWD has always had a strong engagement with affiliate/contracted organizations, some starting back in the early 90's when I worked with a group to introduce OEC to the Canadian Ski patrols and others around PNWD. Now going into 2022 we assist with training for two affiliate contract groups (a couple combined this past year), but those two are strong groups and represent approximately 220 Associate members, which is approximately 73% of the members tied to an affiliate organization NSP wide. Our two are located in British Columbia and utilize the OEC and Instructor Development programs. Being in Canada and the Covid related border restrictions made for some interesting times. These groups, Mt Washington and Pacific Alpine Institute, represent patrollers (paid and volunteer), guides, and rescue groups who provide services around western British Columbia. They currently have 14 individuals certified by the NSP to teach OEC and ID and a number more who are training to become full instructors.

Having nontraditional members and organizations using NSP programs is important to the NSP Brand and our mission of education for outdoor services to the communities.

If you know of a group that might be interested in exploring this type of arrangement please pass my information on to them. Some examples include river or mountain guides, High Schools, Colleges, World relief organizations, Search and Rescue Organizations, etc....

If you have questions about these or any affiliate program, including if you would like to assist if the need arises, please reach out and I can assist you.

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# AWARDS REPORT

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As the effects of the pandemic on ski areas are receding, many patrols are in the process of returning to normal patrolling activities and routines. This is the time of the year to rally our efforts to recognize and appreciate NSP patrollers for their efforts to be outstanding! Patrols and Regions should be engaged in selecting nominees for NSP Outstanding awards and writing the nominations to send to the PNWD. It would be great if each patrol can nominate a patroller for each applicable NSP Outstanding Award category to your respective Region! **The NSP Outstanding award nominations need to be sent to me electronically no later than June 1, 2022.**

In addition, now is also a great time to send me nominations for merit stars (Purple, Blue, Green and Yellow) that have accumulated throughout the year for the numerous acts of heroism and patrolling efforts. In addition, any Distinguished Service Award (DSA) and/or appointments (National Appointments and/or Leadership Commendation Appointments) nominations need to be sent to me 60 days in advance of when you want such awards presented. So, to meet the timeline for presentation at your awards banquets it would be great if such award nominations can be sent to me as soon as possible!

If you have any questions about the awards criteria for any of the NSP awards, please let me know so I can support your efforts! I am also available to remotely attend any of the regions' Region Awards Committee meetings to help calibrate and clarify any of the NSP awards criteria, and answer any questions.

Peter Schwartz  
PNWD Awards Advisor

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# MTR REPORT

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## MTR Happenings & the wisdom of hindsight

### Never saw it coming – the wisdom of hindsight

An unexpected **safety tip**... From now on, microspikes will always be in my daypack. On January 27th I slipped on really bad ice in a snowpark parking lot. Result was a fractured pelvis & damaged bladder. Three weeks in Harborview Medical Center & a rehab facility followed. I'm home now and feeling much better. But, it will be some time before I'm able to do the really fun things. **Be safe!**

### MTR Classes

We have five classes offered this winter/spring in the Division:

In the North Cascades, Mt. Baker Ski Patrol is conducting a MTR 1 class, led by Kyle Breakey. Class is in progress

Rick King will be leading MTR1 in the Central Cascades/Mt. Rainier, co-hosted by Snoqualmie Central and Mt. Rainier patrols

Mark Stambaugh is leading a class in N. Idaho

Michael Murphy is the contact for MTR 1 at White Pass

Joe Mabbutt is the lead for a class in E. Idaho, McCall.

Please refer to the NSP website for dates, contact info & details.

**Dick Willy, PNWD MTR**

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# PNWD REGISTRAR REPORT

By Blaine Price, Registrar

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Registrations for PNWD patrols and their members are now complete for other than expected spring new member Candidates and Transfers, except for one patrol in NWR.

2021-22 counts as of today are as follows:

PNWD Totals:        1,866 Returning  
                          15 Transfers  
                          181 New Members  
                          2,062 Total

Total Counts by Region:	Returning	Transfers	New	Total
IE Region	409	4	51	464 (492)
NW Region	717	7	49	773
OR Region	255	1	20	276
S ID Region	298	3	22	323
W'E Region	186	0	39	225
<u>PNWD Admin</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>1</u>
	1,866	15	181	2,062 (2,090)

This compares to 2020-21:

Returning 1,993  
Transfers 31  
New 120  
Total 2,144

And to 2019-20:

Returning 1,925  
Transfers 41  
New 184  
Total 2,192

There will be patrols bringing on new spring Candidates likely that haven't been submitted yet. Overall, returning members are down and new candidates are down, plus there is a lower count in S Idaho Region which had members move into the Pro Division or not register.

One patrol in NWR appears to be late on a second batch and owes about \$226.00 in PNWD dues which would increase the total count to 2,090.

As such the PNWD will likely be down by approximately 54 people. Over the last two years, the PNWD is down approximately 100 members. As the impact of Covid 19 declines, that may improve.

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## Patrol Totals by Region

IER		NWR	
49 Deg N	75	Alpental	87 (115)
Cottonwood B	10	CBSP	45
Loup Loup	45	Crystal M	111
Mission R	74	Hurricane R	32
Mt Spokane	133	Hyak	50
Silver Mtn	44	Mt Baker	103
Lookout	69	Mt Rainier	62
Lookout Bike	All Secondary	Snoq. West	56
Ski Bluewood	3	Snoq Central	84
Snowhaven	22	White Pass	145
Oregon		SIR	
Mt Ashland	58	705 BC	10
Mt Bachelor	81	Anthony Lakes	39
Santiam Pass	39	Magic Mtn	17
Warner Canyon	3	Bogus Basin	100
Willamette BC	18	Ferguson Ridge	19
Willamette Pass	77	Payette Lakes	52
Wy 'East		Soldier Mtn	26
MH Timberline	3	Spout Springs	1
MH Ski Bowl	3	Bogus Pro	53
MH Meadows	3	Soldier Pro	8
MH Nordic	10		
Cooper Spur	3		
MH Summit	3		
Mt Hood SP	198		

In addition, there are a total of 5 active secondaries with paid dues, certainly an undercount due to a minimally functional secondary system at NSP, and PD/PRs paying minimal attention to secondaries. Effective July 2021, the NSP Secondary system has been substantially improved and PDs can both Add and Remove members from their Secondary roster. PDs should start to actively update and use their Secondary roster, cleaning out individuals they couldn't remove before, and adding to and maintaining that roster into the future.

There are many patrols that have Secondary Alumni on their roster that don't pay Reg/Div dues. But the PNWD does receive \$10.00 per registered PNWD Alumni out of their \$35.00 annual dues to National. Encourage any patrollers leaving to become Alumni and Secondary on your patrol, and maintain their NSP years of service. Alumni applications are to be send by the member direct to National with \$35.00 for dues.

Total dues processed for the PNWD as of today, not including Affiliates and Alumni, is \$16,309.00, down from \$17,050. With the expected late batch from one patrol, that will end up being \$16,533. Depending on spring candidates coming on, this amount may increase by approximately \$150.00 to \$200.00.

There are also Affiliate Canadian Unit members using our OEC program in BC for which the PNWD will receive an approximate additional \$2,500.00 at \$10.00 per person to administer that program.

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

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# CERTIFIED PROGRAM ADVISOR REPORT

By Kacy Carlson

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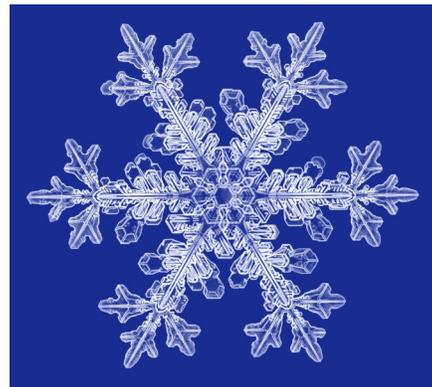
## Mt. Ashland - APP Clinic Schedule March 31 - April 4, 2022

### Thursday 3/31 - Written Exams and Ski/Snowboard Exam

- 7 - 9am - Registration in Lodge - Online Registration
  - ◊ APP Registration and Waivers - Online
  - ◊ NSP Registration and Waivers - Online/In Person
  - ◊ MASP will provide continental breakfast and coffee. All lodge services available
- 8 - 9am - Clinic Orientation
- 9 - 10am - All written exams
- 10 - 10:30am - Break
- 10:30 - 11:30am - Psychological First Aid Presentation - Kacy
- 11:30am - 1pm - Ski/Snowboard Evaluation
- 1 - 2pm - Lunch - Bring your own lunch or buy from the lodge
- 2 - 3:30pm - Avalanche Rescue in the Transceiver Park
- 4pm - Happy Hour?

### Friday 4/1 - On Hill Testing

- 7-8 am - Registration in Lodge
- 8-9 am - All written exams
- 9-9:30am - Break
- 9:30am - 4pm - Practical Testing:
  - ◊ Skiing/Snowboard
  - ◊ Snow Science
  - ◊ Toboggans
  - ◊ Avalanche Rescue
  - ◊ Hill Safety
  - ◊ Risk Management
  - ◊ Medical
  - ◊ Explosives
- 4 - 5pm Happy Hour?



### Saturday 4/2 - On Hill Testing

- 7 - 8 am - Registration in Lodge
- 8 - 9 am - All written exams
- 9 - 9:30am - Break

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- 9:30am - 3pm - Practical Testing:
  - ◊ Skiing/Snowboard
  - ◊ Snow Science
  - ◊ Toboggans
  - ◊ Avalanche Rescue
  - ◊ Hill Safety
  - ◊ Risk Management
  - ◊ Medical
  - ◊ Explosives
- 4 - 5pm - Happy Hour?



## Sunday 4/3 - On Hill Testing

- 7 - 8 am - Registration in Lodge
- 8 - 9 am - All written exams
- 9 - 9:30am - Break
- 9:30am - 3pm - Practical Testing:
  - ◊ Skiing/Snowboard
  - ◊ Snow Science
  - ◊ Toboggans
  - ◊ Avalanche Rescue
  - ◊ Hill Safety
  - ◊ Risk Management
  - ◊ Medical
  - ◊ Explosives
- 4 - 5pm - Happy Hour?



## Monday 4/4 - Lift Evacuation Only

- 9:30am - 3pm - Sonnet Lift



Ski Flight 2022 ... three words kept repeating themselves over and over—and over—again. **“This is ridiculous.”** It was ridiculous how perfect those Matterhorn views were! Rumor is sometimes people never get to see it, even when they’re there the same number of days we were. Even on our “worst” weather day it still made flash appearances between clouds.



It was everywhere we turned, and positively exceptional.

After a week in Zermatt we transferred to Interlaken, where James Bond fans visited the Piz Gloria, and skied Piste #9—the



Lunch on the Italian side of things



Safety first! In case you didn't know?

Direttissima with its 88% grade!

Ski Flight does its best to schedule around school holiday. As such, crowds weren't bad, except at Jungfrau—Top of Europe. Crowds were definitely *there*.

This trip saw five patrols represented, and it was exciting to have such participation! Sadly some skiers did have to back out due to injury and/or illness.

As fantastic as this trip was, it was sure a relief on our last day when everyone tested negative and we were all able to fly home.

Now the planning begins for 2023



Town (and Matterhorn) from the ski in/out Champagne Bar



Sunshine and beer

# INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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This report is directed to **PNWD NSP Instructors and Instructor IT's - in ALL DISCIPLINES** for updated information on the upcoming PNWD All-Discipline Instructor/IT Conference at Mt. Hood, OR, on June 4, 2022.

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE INSTRUCTORS IN ALL DISCIPLINES TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE:**

**ICE (Instructor Continuing Education) sessions will be held for Avalanche/MTR/Nordic (combined session), Instructor Development, OEC, AND OET.**

## **PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE:**

1. For Instructors in **ALL disciplines**, the “NSP Instructor Skills Review for Continuing Education” is available in NSP’s On-Line Learning; complete the course once in a 3-year Cycle for recertification; save the Course Completion Certificate and send a copy to me at [katalexander911@mail.com](mailto:katalexander911@mail.com) **AND** then **enroll** in the registered “NSP Instructor Skills Review for Continuing Education” course #**P024210002**. The in-person part of the course will be conducted at the Conference. I will close this course after the June 4<sup>th</sup> Conference. **NOTE:** NSP will track completion date and update your Member Profile.
2. For **ID Instructors and ID-IT's**, the NSP Instructor Continuing Education (ICE) – Instructor Development course has been registered. Please **enroll** in course #**P02420001**. I will conduct the face-to-face session at the Conference. Complete this course once in a 3-year cycle for recertification. I will close this course after the June 4<sup>th</sup> Conference.

## **NEW: Instructor Development eCourse (2020)**

This updated course is available in NSP’s OnLine Learning: this is Part 1 for Patrollers who are interested in becoming an Instructor: no enrollment needed; self-directed learning; complete course then save the Course Completion Certificate. Contact your Region ID Advisor in order to complete Part 2 face-to-face or virtual.

## **USE NEW FORMS**

1. Updated “Instructor Application 2020” (Course Tools: Instructor Development page).
2. Updated “Event Training Release Form” sent in the Nov. 3, 2021, Instructor eNews from NSP.

## **COURSE TOOLS information for all Instructors and IT's**

Written Tutorials with Visuals (Adobe PDF files) and YouTube videos are available for:

1. Register a Course
2. Edit a Course
3. Mark a Course Complete
4. Cancel a Course.

And a special THANK YOU to PNWD’s 50 ID-Instructors and 18 ID-IT's who help make this NSP program so responsive and adaptable to all Patrollers. Stay well...stay safe...and do your SNOW Dance...and see you all on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to be able to visit a few Regions in **2022**...please contact me if you have questions or need help...Kathy at 541-325-3827

# WOMEN'S PROGRAM

By Sally Seelye, Womens Program Advisor

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There are a couple fun upcoming events in March. Crystal Mountain has an exciting recruiting event on the 20th, and Mt Hood has their annual event to help improve your ski and toboggan skills on March 5th, honoring International Women's Day.

Also coming up is a women's track at this year's Nuts & Bolts! Preliminary plans have SES/TES both Saturday and Sunday, with a Happy Hour on Saturday. Additional details will be hashed out in the next month or so. Please reach out if you have questions in the meantime!

Speaking of International Women's Day, the information below came directly from the International Women's Day website:

## About International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality.

Marked annually on March 8th, International Women's Day is one of the most important days of the year to:

- celebrate women's achievements
- raise awareness about women's equality
- lobby for accelerated gender parity
- fundraise for female-focused charities

## What's the International Women's Day 2022 theme?

The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2022 is #BreakTheBias. Whether deliberate or unconscious, bias makes it difficult for women to move ahead. Knowing that bias exists isn't enough. Action is needed to level the playing field.

## What's the history of International Women's Day?

International Women's Day has occurred for well over a century with the first gathering held in 1911. Learn more about the day's timeline.

## What colors symbolize International Women's Day?

Purple, green and white are the colors of International Women's Day. Purple signifies justice and dignity. Green symbolizes hope. White represents purity, albeit a controversial concept. The colors originated from the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU) in the UK in 1908.

## Who can support International Women's Day?

International Women's Day is not country, group, nor organization specific. No one government, NGO, charity, corporation, academic institution, women's network, or media hub is solely responsible for International Women's Day. The day belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. Gloria Steinem, world-renowned feminist, journalist and activist once explained "The story of women's struggle for equality belongs to no single feminist, nor to any one organization, but to the collective efforts of all who care about human rights. So make International Women's Day your day and do what you can to truly make a positive difference for women.

# BIKE REPORT

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## Bike Patrol Program

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- As a member of the 13-member National Bike Task Force, I have been quite involved as your representative - for the last six months. I am also part of a subcommittee of four from that committee assigned to work on the bike patrol logo. The task was to produce a bike logo design and get approval at NSP and have them file for legal Intellectual Property registrations associated with that logo design.
- The logo process from left to right is as follows: I personally did not like the design of this logo below for several reasons: I did not like the shape of the white cross and wanted the more traditional NSP cross dimensions. I did not like the lengthy verbiage that only covered Mountain Bike Patrols as we have several urban bike patrols in the nation. It was cluttered etc. and would not read well on a bike Jersey from a distance. This logo is being used by some bike patrols - and that is totally OK for them to use in the future if desired. **So Simple being better** in my book, and just “**Bike Patrol**” being more inclusive of all bike patrols and a traditional Cross dimension - seemed a pretty obvious new choice on red clothing:



- So that suggestion met with approval of the other two and of the entire 13-member National Bike Task Force. As a member of NSP, it was also suggested that we have the NSP Shield on our Cross but in laying that out it cluttered the cross. There are lots of bike patrol folks that do not ski so the NSP ski Patrol Shield seemed like a contradiction of sporting events – to have ski on a bike jersey. So the task and of how to identify us with NSP and yet be bike specific was an ongoing thought process. It was so simple – hard to believe it eluded us. It occurred to me that the NSP Shield had only one word that was the issue - Ski: I tweaked the NSP Shield by substituting Bike in it using photo shop and shared that with our group. Our NSP Shield is so identifiable to all that I felt it was a perfect blend of “Bike Patrol” being identified with NSP with a simple one-word change. The design was approved by our sub-committee and ultimately the entire 13-person committee. Hard to see the Bike Shield without thinking we are NSP and have to look twice to even notice – yes! That is the very intent.
- So, after task force approval of this shield and cross design – they both were submitted to the National NSP office for committee consideration and approval. I am pleased to announce that we have now received approval at NSP of this design. This will now and probably forever be the trademarked logo for the National Bike Patrol “NBP” at NSP. Getting this set up correctly from the start will allow us years of continuity with our Brand Recognition and we are very Thankful to NSP for the approval of this design. NSP is in the process of getting the intellectual property rights secured legally to this design, but we have been advised to start using the bike patrol trademark everywhere and on our products. So, just as we use the white cross and NSP shield in and on different items and places - we will do the same for the bike patrol with these two design offerings. I am NSP thru and thru and love the identity attachment aspect of this NBP bike design to NSP.

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- We also were tasked with producing designs for a patrol jersey and wearables for the NSP Store by the end of January so that we would have items for sale this spring in the [NSP Store](#).

So now that we had our NBP Shield and our Bike patrol Cross approved at national, our small sub-committee went to work on the Jersey Design with Primal Wear USA. I had considerable jersey design experience having designed our Hiawatha Bike Patrol Jersey, so it was easy for me in Photo shop to mockup the new shield and cross designs on Jerseys etc. We have now approved our Jersey designs on committee with Primal mockups and at national and they have now been submitted to Primal USA for production. The Jerseys along with other logo bike clothing will be in the spring NSP Store for purchase by NSP/NBP members. Pricing is yet TBA but I'm thinking the bike Jersey will come in at the \$40 to \$50 range and comparable to a \$70 to \$80 Jersey in a retail store. We will have about 8 Bike Clothing Items coming but here are just three of our pieces and designs in a peek preview.



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- So not much else is happening during the winter as far as Bike patrols in our PNWD Division, as we are blanketed with snow and most of us are enjoying serving as ski patrollers during our winter season.
- I will be pressing to get more of our PNWD division bike patrols to register additionally as Bike Patrols with NSP rather than just a summer extension of their ski patrols. Please [contact me](#) with any questions to help facilitate more NBP bike patrols with NSP.
- If you are a patrol/area that has summer bike operations, please let us connect.
- Watch for the next issue of the NSP Magazine where you will see the Hiawatha Trail Bike Patrol from PNWD division in a featured article as the National Outstanding Bike Patrol In the Nation!

*Respectfully, Denny*

*Denny Burt - Bike Patrol Supervisor  
National Ski Patrol - Pacific Northwest Division*



## **Zoom Meetings Available**

PNWD now has 7 Zoom licenses that are available for patrol business in our division.

- 2 for Division and 1 for each region. Region directors need to send Shelley an email and password. Some Regions have set up a region password. Kay Seidel (Division Secretary) will be the keeper of emails and passwords
- Patrols, instructors, advisors, regions, etc may use these as needed.

Contact Shelley Urben for information on use:  
[shelley.urben@nsp-pnwd.org](mailto:shelley.urben@nsp-pnwd.org)

# OET/TRANSPORTATION REPORT

By Jack Ramsey, OET/Transportation Advisor

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The Pacific Northwest weather patterns have caused quite a few challenges this season. Not only did we get a late start, but the regular occurrence of freeze, thaw, freeze, snow, rain, freeze, snow, etcetera, have created an unstable snow pack, both inside and outside the ski areas. Top that with a few weeks of high pressure diverting most of the storms around us, has us running toboggans on ice in the morning, slush in the afternoon and ice in the evening. The hard and fast snow has led to some severe injuries to our guests and a few patrollers as well. I have never seen the need and use of Hatfield brakes (belly brakes for some of you) this much in my life.

Never has our Division emphasis on patroller safety been more appropriate and needed. I hope you have attended some or all of the Safety Culture 4 All Workshops this season. These are Zoom meetings, lasting about an hour, held on the third Tuesday of each month. Jodie Jeffers has done a great job putting these together and there has been some outstanding information disseminated each month. Kacy Carlson's presentation of Psychological First Aid (PFA) is exceptional. He provides some great tools for identifying and measuring the levels of our mental well-being throughout the season. If you want to see these, check out the PNWD website for more information.

Northwest Region has a new OET Advisor. Bruce Jahnke from Alpentel has taken the reins and I am confident he will do a great job improving the OET skills in the region.

I have been very busy reviewing and approving a passel of new OET Instructors. I would like to welcome the following new instructors and a couple I haven't announced previously:

Cris Coulon, Hyak Ski Area NWR.  
Eric Olsen, Hyak Ski Area NWR  
Chris Siemans, 49 Degrees North IER  
Karla Miller, Payette Lakes NIR  
Jeff Ball, Payette Lakes IER  
Erica Chown, Bogus Basin SIR  
Kyle Greakey, Mount Baker NWR  
Craig Wolfe, Crystal Mountain NWR  
Michael Taft, Crystal Mountain NWR  
Becky Schoonmaker, Lookout Pass IER  
Mark Daly, Mount Ashland OR  
Micka Willits, Mount Ashland OR  
Annette Batzer, Mount Ashland OR  
Ron Ashpole, Mount Ashland OR  
Tripp Andray, Mount Ashland OR  
Sarah Metlen, Mount Ashland OR  
Alex Grimaldi, Mount Ashland OR  
Olivia Beam, Mount Ashland OR  
Karic Roberge, Mount Ashland OR  
Eric Dodgen, Crystal Mountain NWR  
Jay Van der Net, Loup Loup IER  
Joe Malek, Hyak NWR  
Lee Whittles, Mission Ridge IER  
Anrew Scott, Mission Ridge IER  
Kristian Reicson, Crystal Mountain NWR

Thank you all for stepping up to give something back that which has been given to you.

And for anyone who may be thinking about teaching any discipline, please start this season. The best way to learn something is to learn how to teach it.

Be careful out there,

Jack Ramsey

# OEC REPORT

By Karen Jensen, OEC Supervisor

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Greetings all,

March is shaping up to be an exciting month for OEC. After a year hiatus, we will be having OEC-MSP (Module of the Senior Program) evaluations in 3 regions around the division. Inland Empire will hold their test on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Lookout Pass, Southern Idaho will hold theirs on March 12<sup>th</sup> at Anthony Lakes and Northwest will hold their test on March 26<sup>th</sup> at Snoqualmie Summit East.

With the return of more in person hands on learning, there are many folks that have been able to finish their instructor mentoring programs and become instructors:

Inland Empire – Joel Harrison, Chris Schilbe, Lori Courtright, Robin Courtright and William Welch

Northwest – Sally Seelye, Konni Barich, Gerry Gallagher, Brad Hefta Grub, Rick O’Leary, Danny Wolfe, Stephanie Durbin, Mike Rohan, Stewart Harmon, Chris Coulon, Chris Andes, David Van Cleve and Todd Morford

Oregon – Eric Brittingham, Karic Roberge, Olivia Beam, and Tripp Androy

Southern Idaho – Kate Pond, Roberta Murphey, Jason Wright, Eric Taplin, Janna Allen, Jessica Barker, Paul Arentsen, Michael Beckwith and Rob Madson

BC Affiliates – Aaron Miller

Congratulations to these folks!

I am looking forward to some upcoming Division wide OEC instructor Education. We will be having an Instructor Continuing Education Clinic (ICE) as well as a Trainer/Evaluator Workshop at the upcoming All Instructor Conference in June in Government Camp, Oregon. I would also like to have a Trainer/Evaluator Workshop at the Division Conference this August, so stay tuned for more details. It is exciting that we are starting to be able to interact with our fellow instructors across the division and learn from each other.

Have a great rest of your ski season!

## ***Senior Training in Southern Idaho***

*Brian Mattingly, Eric Makabe and James Akers*

*Dave Campbell and Brian Mattingly*



*Photos by Dave Kennedy*

**PNWD ALL DISCIPLINE  
INSTRUCTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION (ICE) CONFERENCE 2022  
JUNE 4, 2022 MT. HOOD  
Creekside Lodge (aka Clubhouse) at Collins Lake, Government Camp, OR**

There will be an All Discipline Instructor Continuing Education (ICE) Conference on June 4, 2022 at Mt. Hood/Government Camp, OR. This will be a hybrid conference that involves mandatory on-line pre-work prior to meeting in-person. We will be following the CDC and State of Oregon COVID-19 guidelines in effect at that time.

The conference is for NSP Instructors and ITs for Avalanche, Instructor Development (ID), MTR Nordic/Backcountry, OEC, and OET.

If there is room, Instructor Mentees are encouraged to attend if they are already in the mentorship stage of their instructor training, with their applications submitted and the process well started before the conference. Mentees must also register for the conference.

Note: This conference will be held the same weekend as the **Nuts and Bolts Conference at Mt. Hood**. These are separate events and require separation registration. **Must register by May 20, 2022**

**CE Credit:** This conference will fulfill a part of the NSP's requirements for instructor recertification. Instructors need to complete an instructor continuing education seminar for their discipline during each 3-year period of instructor certification. There are other requirements for recertification and attendance does not guarantee instructor recertification.

**All three of the following are required prior to arriving at the conference:**

1. Complete the on-line course NSP Instructor Skills Review. If it has been completed since June 1, 2019, you do not need to complete it again but recommend taking it as a review. In either case, you must send your certificate of completion to Kathy Alexander, [katalexander911@mail.com](mailto:katalexander911@mail.com).
2. Register for the course **P024220002** NSP Instructor Skills Review for Continuing Education.
3. Register for the discipline specific Continuing Education course. See Registration Form for course numbers.

**Saturday, June 4, 2022, All Discipline ICE Courses**

**8:00am Sign-in at Creekside Lodge (Clubhouse)**

**8:30am - 9:30am All participants**

- Update on NSP Programs and Review of NSP & Division Policies
- Quality Assurance and Records

**9:30am - 4:00pm Break-out sessions for all disciplines**

**MTR, Avalanche and Nordic: Combined sessions**

**OEC: 9:30am-12pm all OEC instructors**

**OEC-MSP Trainer Evaluator Clinic: 12:30-4:30**

**Registration:** Must pre-register for this conference by **May 20, 2022**.

**Bring your lunch.** Limited pre-wrapped snacks will be provided.

**Lodging and Expenses:** See Registration Form

**For additional information, please contact:**

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**PNWD ALL DISCIPLINE  
INSTRUCTOR CONTINUING EDUCATION (ICE) CONFERENCE**  
June 4, 2022 Mt. Hood  
Creekside Lodge (aka Clubhouse) at Collins Lake, Government Camp, OR  
Registration Form  
Must register by **May 20, 2022**



**Please complete and send to:**

Kathy Lee  
6535 SE Jennings Ave  
Milwaukie, OR 97267  
leek232@gmail.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ NSP #: \_\_\_\_\_ Mentee \_\_\_\_ Y/N  
Patrol Area: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Select Discipline (Only one):

Avalanche\_\_\_\_ ID\_\_\_\_ MTR\_\_\_\_ Nordic/Backcountry\_\_\_\_ OEC\_\_\_\_ OET\_\_\_\_

**Course Numbers**

**All must enroll in this course**

NSP Instructor Skills Review for Continuing Education: **P024220002**

**Then must enroll in one of the selected discipline courses below**

Note: Avalanche, MTR and Nordic/Backcountry are holding a combined session which requires some pre-work prior to attending - contact Eric Geisler, [ericsgeisler@yahoo.com](mailto:ericsgeisler@yahoo.com), Matt Strauser, [matt@bridgebuildersint.com](mailto:matt@bridgebuildersint.com)

Avalanche Instructor CE: **P059220004**

ID ICE: **P024220001**

MTR ICE: **To be announced**

Nordic/Backcountry ICE: **P022220018**

OET ICE: **P006220005**

OEC ICE: **P029220003** OEC-MSP Trainer Evaluator Clinic: **P029220004**

**Lodging:**

Collins Lake Resort Chalet and Grand Lodge rentals: 10% discount, ask for NSP2022 : 800-234-6288

<https://www.collinslakeresort.com/>

Best Western: [www.bestwesternoregon.com/hotels/best-western-mt-hood-inn](http://www.bestwesternoregon.com/hotels/best-western-mt-hood-inn) 503-272-3205

Note: Pets are not allowed

Vacasa: provides a listing of all types of lodging in Government Camp <https://www.vacasa.com/>

Have an RV? Mt Hood Village RV Park is 15 miles from the mountain:

[www.rvonthego.com/oregon/mt-hood-village-rv-resort](http://www.rvonthego.com/oregon/mt-hood-village-rv-resort)

**Reimbursement:** Mileage and lodging (1/2 of double occupancy) will be reimbursed up to \$200/instructor if a reimbursement form is submitted, accompanied by all detailed receipts, after attendance at the conference.

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# NORDIC PROGRAM REPORT

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The Nordic program has been busy this season with new patrols, training clinics and upcoming Senior evaluations. However, there are still many challenges in getting the program out to all of the great Nordic patrollers since many of you hide under an Alpine patrol registration. Just recently I have been informed that there are at least two patrols in the PNW Division that have Nordic patrollers of which neither I nor the Region Advisors were aware of. This is an issue all the way up to the National level. Nobody can see who is a Nordic patroller unless they are registered with a Nordic Patrol with a separate patrol identification number. This also means that these Nordic units cannot become the National Outstanding Nordic Patrol. Two years ago, I sent out a questionnaire to identify which patrols had or assumed Nordic duties, training and/or Nordic patrollers. The response was dismal. It is difficult to provide and track training and the need for Nordic instructors and provide training oversight without knowing who is in the program. We are working at the National level to encourage all patrols with Nordic programs to register a separate Nordic patrol number (ie. Payette Lakes Ski Patrol and Payette Lakes Nordic Patrol). These can have the same board of directors but must have two Patrol Representatives (this could be the Director and assistant Director on the same board). Patrollers are still able to register as primary on one patrol as and secondary on the other patrol. This would enable better program delivery and the opportunity for better recognition all the way up to the National level.

The Nordic program is in need of more instructors across the Division. These need to go through the normal mentoring process. Instructors need a background in the Nordic program, Avalanche and MTR. Some of this background need not come initially from the NSP programs.

For existing Nordic Instructors, there will be an Instructor's Continuing Education (ICE) clinic at Mt Hood on June 4-5, 2022. This will be a combined clinic with Avalanche and MTR programs. You may register for the Nordic portion on the NSP website as Course # P022220018. Avalanche and MTR will have separate course numbers if you need those. There will be some prework which will be available late in the spring.

Nordic Senior is March 26-27 at Bear Basin in McCall, ID.

Nordic Master's will be held at Breckenridge, in Colorado, April 4, 5, 6 just before PowderFall.

Please reach out to one of us if you have any interest in helping out or questions or concerns.

*Assisting new skiers*



*Photo by Penelope Geisler*

*Wave of 4-8 classic skiers at the American Beikebeiner Race 2022*



*Photo by Eric Geisler*

# OUTDOOR RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

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National Ski Areas Association Risk Management uses multiple programs to promote fun on the slopes while keeping the risks in check. The new NSP Outdoor Risk Management Program is heavily modeled after the existing NSAA Risk Management.

Here are a few examples we should all be very familiar with as ski and snowboard patrollers.

## Your Responsibility Code:

Staying safe on the slopes is easy when you **KNOW THE CODE!** Always be aware of your surroundings, and the people around you. If you have questions, ask! Ski patrol and other mountain personnel are here to help.

### The seven points to Your Responsibility Code

1. Stay in control. Be able to stop, turn and move to adjust to the conditions.
2. People ahead of you have the right of way.
3. If you need to stop, do so in a safe place to the side of the trail where you are visible from above.
4. When starting downhill or merging, look uphill and yield to traffic above you. Proceed only when clear.
5. Use devices to prevent runaway equipment. On skis, these are the brakes on your binding. On a snowboard, this is a leash that attaches to your boot.
6. Observe all signs and warnings; stay off closed trails!

Know how to load, ride and unload all lifts safely.

## Park Smart Terrain Park Safety Program

**START SMALL** - Work your way up. Build your skills.

**MAKE A PLAN** - Every feature. Every time.

**ALWAYS LOOK** - Before you drop.

**RESPECT** - The features and other users.

**TAKE IT EASY** - Know your limits. Land on your feet.

## Ride Another Day

Collisions are one of the most preventable accidents on the slopes. The easiest way to prevent a collision is to follow "Your Responsibility Code", especially point number one: Ski and snowboard in control. But it can be difficult to communicate the importance of this to teenagers and those who consider themselves to be "experts."

## Lift Safety

Riding the ski lift can be one of the best parts of the day - the views are beautiful, your legs get a rest, and you get to catch up with friends, family, or make a new friend! But, it's important (and part of Your Responsibility Code) to know how to load, ride and unload all lifts safely. Not sure what to do at a lift? Ask an attendant or a ski patroller for help. Learning how to ride the lift is also one of the features of a ski lesson, and another reason it's worth discovering snow with a pro.

## Tips for riding lifts safely

- Be familiar with the type of lift you are riding, and ask for help if you need it.
- Before loading, remove backpacks and secure loose items. Remove pole straps from wrists.
- Look over your shoulder to watch the chair approach.
- Sit all the way in the chair, with your back to the seat rest.

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- If the lift has a restraint bar, wait until everyone is seated, and slowly reach up and lower the bar. Do not attempt to lower the bar if you cannot reach it! Adults should always help kids to lower the bar.
- Be aware of your surroundings while riding the lift. If you drop something, let it fall! You can always ask ski patrol for help retrieving the lost item.

As you approach the top terminal, prepare to raise the bar. Look for signs advising you to do so to help with your timing.

For more information, videos, and educational materials, please go to [NSAA.org](https://www.nsa.org).

Sincerely,

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## ALUMNI ADVISOR REPORT

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**ALUMNI:** It's time to check your profile on the [nsp.org](https://www.nsp.org) website. Make sure all your information is up to date and entered correctly. If you **haven't paid** your dues it's not too late.

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP:** Alumni 2022 dues of \$35 can still be paid online. Log on and click on your name in the upper right corner. This will take you to your profile. Please update any information if needed. On the left side of the screen click on Renew Now button. If you wish to mail in your dues, send a \$35 check to the National Ski Patrol, 133 South Van Gordon Street, Suite 100, Lakewood, CO with your NSP Member ID on the memo line.

**ALUMNI CELEBRATION:** After consulting with several NSP-member doctors and Flathead County, MT, Public Health, our concerns about the rise in COVID-19 in Montana and elsewhere has caused us to postpone our Alumni Celebration Week until February 26-March 4, 2023. We are exercising an abundance of caution, with the health of our NSP alumni, members, family and Montana citizens in mind. We hope you will make plans to join us next year!

**ALUMNI RECOGNITION** Alumni are active throughout our division. Please share with me the wonderful things you and they are doing. There are region events, patrol recognitions and many more activities that alumni are actively participating in. Thank you for your continued membership and your commitment to be involved.

**NSP OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD** As you begin your patrol award process be sure to add the **OUTSANDING ALUMNI AWARD** to Outstanding Patroller, OEC and OET etc. for your patrol.

**INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS:** Please let me know if you have any questions or need any information on the NSP Alumni Program or Membership.

## WEBSITE & Social Media Updates!

Please visit the [PNWD Website](#) and explore. Explore the Calendar, Nor'Wester, History Project, Who's Who, Updates, etc. There are still many things in the works including behind the scenes but we are wanting feedback from you. What else do you want the website to do, have, showcase? Go to [www.nsp-pnwd.org](http://www.nsp-pnwd.org) to look around.

Social Media is also looking for your input and help. Have events happening and want to alert the PNWD about? Took some awesome pictures of your patrol, patroller? Let's showcase it!! Follow and send to Facebook & Instagram by tagging us. : Facebook [@SkiPatrolPNWD](#) & Instagram: [@nspnwdssafetyteam](#).

Let us know and Thank you,  
[webmaster@nsp-pnwd.org](mailto:webmaster@nsp-pnwd.org)



## National Ski Patrol Pacific Northwest Division

@SkiPatrolPNWD

Instagram profile for **nspnwdssafetyteam**. Bio: PNWD Ski Patrol Safety Team Safety & First Aid Service. Website: [www.nsp-pnwd.org/safetyculture4all--series...](http://www.nsp-pnwd.org/safetyculture4all--series...). Stats: 169 posts, 504 followers, 166 following.

# SAFETY & PATROLLER REPORT

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## Safety, what does it mean to you, your patrol, & area?

We all have been through so much with COVID and at times it probably seems like that is the only topic at hand when it comes to safety. It's important for us to talk about and do safety as patrollers. The PNWD is unique in that several patrols/areas run beyond the winter months and with bike patrols and other summer activities so safety covers so many aspects.

- Do you know who debriefs difficult calls, or when do you follow up with patrollers being on a difficult case?
- Have you talked as well as actually practiced someone in a tree well, deep snow immersion removal?
- Are you having cautions and reminders for the things we do every patrol shift?
- What is your area doing besides COVID for the season in regards to safety?
- Morning meetings that have some stretching and other practice situations to keep you safe and awareness up?

**The above is just a small example of bringing safety awareness to all. It is easy to say we live safety every-day, it is another to practice, talk, learn about it. We created the [Safety Culture 4 All - Workshop Series](#) via zoom for all of YOU! This means ALL PATROLLERS.**

The Workshop Series occurs every month on the 3rd Tuesday, 6:30-8pm (PT) The focus has been having a specialty area start off the night followed by updates/Q&A on PFA-Psychological First Aid. We want to see you and get your input, please join us at the next one, March 15th starting at 6:30-8pm (PT). This will focus on Nordic/Backcountry by Eric Geisler & Matt Strauser followed by Kacy Carlson with PFA. Questions, requests, suggestions for March? They are asking you to send them to the [safetycommittee@nsp-pnwd.org](mailto:safetycommittee@nsp-pnwd.org). Learn more about all of this at our website: [www.nsp-pnwd.org](http://www.nsp-pnwd.org)

If interested, we have been getting together a group of patrollers with all different backgrounds with the focus of SAFETY for PATROLLERS. Are you interested, want more information? Contact me at [jodie.jeffers@nsp-pnwd.org](mailto:jodie.jeffers@nsp-pnwd.org) or the [safetycommittee@nsp-pnwd.org](mailto:safetycommittee@nsp-pnwd.org).

Please share the Workshop Series Calendar for 2022- pdf with your patrol.

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Safety for the general public: please utilize the division's website for links, organizations, PSA's and other items. Remember, consider every month as a Safety Month! <https://www.nsp-pnwd.org/safety.html>





<b>Part IV</b>	<b>History of Ski Lifts: Gondolas</b>		
Part I	History of Ski Lifts	Rope Tows	<i>Nor'Wester March 2021</i>
Part II	History of Ski Lifts	J Lifts & T Bars	<i>Nor'Wester June 2021</i>
Part III	History of Ski Lifts	Chairlifts	<i>Nor'Wester Sept 2021</i>
Part IV	History of Ski Lift	Aerial Trams	<i>Nor'Wester Dec 2021</i>

## Gondolas

There are a few resorts in the Pacific Northwest Division which have gondolas, but they are relatively rare. If you are lucky enough to have a gondola at your ski area, I'm envious (I'm always cold!). I remember staying warm while riding the "longest gondola in North America" which is at Silver Mountain in the Inland Empire Region. That gondola begins at the base area in the town of Kellogg, ID and takes skiers high up to the summit Mountain House--even crossing directly over the home of lifetime ski patroller, Ed Gately. I waved but I don't think Ed saw us. The Mt. Rainier gondola at Crystal Mountain serves skiers/riders in the winter as well as hikers and sightseers in the summer. Another famous gondola is the Peak2Peak ride in British Columbia between Whistler and Blackcomb. It is famous for its very long stretches of space where the cabins are suspended high above the ground with no towers and for the fact that some of its cabins have a really great scenic view because they have glass floors.

Gondolas are aerial lifts which are both supported and propelled by cables suspended above them. The cable includes a steel wire rope suspended between 2 locations. The cable is usually driven by a bullwheel in a terminal, usually powered by an engine or electric motor. Gondolas differ from aerial trams which feature a haul rope that continually moves and circulates around two terminal end stations.

Gondolas are basically chairlifts with enclosed cabins. Today's gondolas require riders to take off their skis; however, skiers were able to keep on their skis inside some of the first gondolas. Skiers sat down on a bench and the clamshell-like bubble wrapped around them.

*First Gondola in US 1957*



*Skiers kept their skis on inside early gondolas.*



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The first gondola in the United States which was built for a ski area was in 1957; it was installed at Wildcat Mountain in New Hampshire. It was a two-person gondola and serviced skiers from 1957 until 1999. The extra-long skis of those days were placed in an outside rack similar to the way skis are carried on gondolas today.

Another adaptation of the gondola appeared in 1964 at Vermont's Mt. Snow. Outer space was a popular theme in those days with the United States and the Soviet Union both launching satellites. This UFO-looking gondola vehicle was called the "air car". The air car was designed to carry guests from a hotel to the base area ski lifts, but was never used to haul skiers up the mountain; because of how it handled in the wind, the air car gondola did not last long.



Gondolas usually carry between 2-12 people and are connected to a cable by spring-loaded grips. The grips allow the cabin to be detached from the moving cable; then the cabins can be slowed in terminals to allow passengers to load or disembark. Some gondolas have intermediate stops to allow passengers the upload/unload options. There are also open-air gondolas (cabriolets) and revolving gondolas, large ones, and small ones. In high winds, gondolas are one of the first lifts to shut down for safety reasons. Gondolas are also known for the fact that riders must load and unload from a moving car, grab their skis/boards (and possibly their kids and their kids' skis/boards) and move quickly out of the way. (This feature keeps the lift ops busy.)



*Four Person Gondola Colorado*



*Revolving Gondola in Switzerland*

What kinds of lifts do you have at your ski area? Maybe you could include the history of your area's ski lifts in your patrol history project? Congrats to patrols which have already submitted histories---SnoOwls, Hyak, Loup Loup, Mt Rainier Nordic, Summit West, and White Pass. There is a lot of information on many ski resort web pages. Have a look for yours. Please contact me if you'd like help writing the history of your own patrol/resort.

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# 2022 PNWD Convention Report

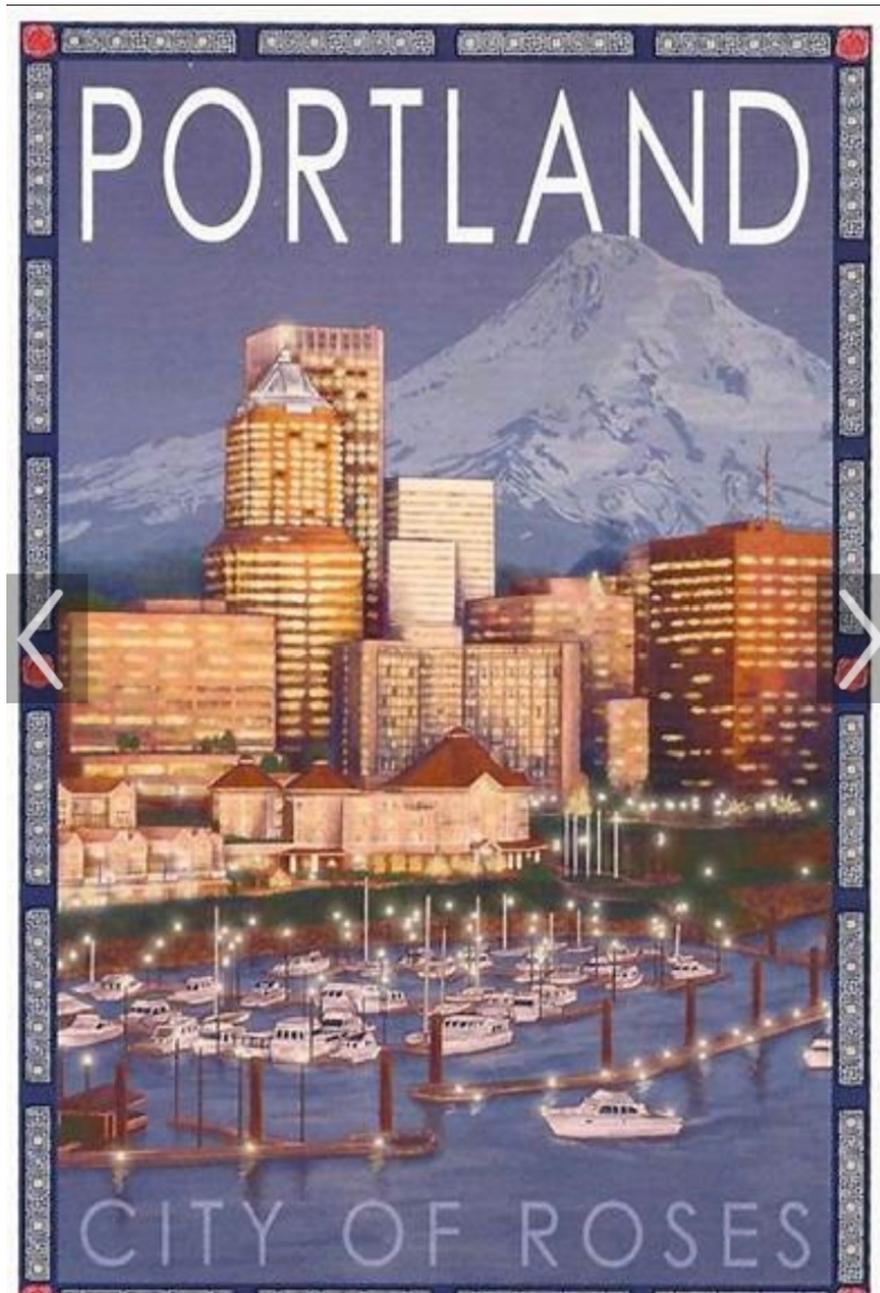
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## 2022 PNWD Convention

August 12 to August 14

**SAVE** these dates to attend the  
2022 PNWD Convention  
that will be held in the  
City of Roses





## REMINDER

Complete Your Youth Protection Training, if you haven't yet

Per NSP you are required to take the training if you are any of the following:

- Patrol representatives, directors or unit representatives in any patrol or unit where protected parties are members
- Assistant Region Directors/Section Chiefs
- Region Directors
- Region Program Administrators or Advisors in any discipline in which protected parties participate in courses or other events
- Region Legal Advisors
- Division Directors
- Division Program Supervisors in any discipline in which protected parties participate in courses or other events
- Division Legal Advisors
- National Program Directors and Advisors
- National Board Members
- National Legal Advisors
- National Safety Team
- Any instructors that will or could be working with youth
- YAP program advisors at the patrol, region, or division level, as well as any patrollers who will be training or working with youth need to take this training.

There are several training programs that will fulfill the requirement. These include:

- Armatus online training through Praesidium; required modules are: Duty to report; Preventing sexual activity among adolescents; Meet Sam (free – contact [memberrecords@nsp.org](mailto:memberrecords@nsp.org) with your name, member number and email address)
- [Safesport.org training](https://www.safesport.org/training) (available for a small fee)
- [BSA youth protection training](https://www.bsa.org/youth-protection-training) (free)

Other online trainings may complete the requirement; your Division Director or designee must approve any alternative online training. In-person trainings that are provided by other youth-serving organizations, like school districts and child care centers, will also fulfill the requirement if they are at least 2 hours in length and provide documentation of completion.

The link for submitting your training certificate is located at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1r\\_IsXC5h4x1143Rua3bGMJx0\\_pzhcnN5QZV1MHkSx4Y/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1r_IsXC5h4x1143Rua3bGMJx0_pzhcnN5QZV1MHkSx4Y/edit?usp=sharing)

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NSP also reaches members through nationally funded education materials and programs, division newsletters, and local clinics. Through its divisions, NSP conducts training events to supplement training provided by the ski areas. This cooperative effort ensures that members are serving the needs of area management while staying in tune with a nationally standardized system.

*Vision Statement: The Pacific Northwest Division is the foremost ski patroller association comprised of volunteer and paid patrollers in the host ski areas, dedicated to maintaining performance standards in the ski patrol environment. The main purpose of the ski patroller is to deliver up-dated first aid and rescue services to the skiing and outdoor-recreation public. The Pacific Northwest Division is an integral part of the National Ski Patrol Systems, Inc.*



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