

NSP RMD Southwest Region Annual Report 2009-2010

This Annual Report is for the 2009-2010 Ski Season. This report is prepared by Roman Gallegos SW Region Director. The Southwest region consists of the following ski areas that have volunteer.

Ski Apache which is located in the far southern end of NM in Ruidoso, George Mitchell PD. (Also has Paid NSP Patrol)

Sandia Peak Ski Patrol which is located just east of Albuquerque NM, JT Parker PD.

Pajarito Mountain Ski Patrol which is located in Los Alamos NM, Bill Somers PD.

Enchanted Nordic area near Red River, Mike Ritterhouse PD.

This year was a much different in the southern most ski area in our country, Ski Apache. They had so much snow fall this year, the bumps never really set up to have a Senior Ski Test. Yes too much snow constantly filled in the bumps and the SW S&T advisor, Smitty, had to cancel a test due to no terrain but held a clinic at Ski Apache. Deep powder all year only... DARN. Don Miller the OEC Advisor from Ski Apache had a SEM at his area and at Sandi, this one just after Sandia closed.

Scott Hsu Avalanche Advisor along with Aaron Anderson Mountaineering Advisor put on a Avalanche 1 course at Pajarito in which 5 were patrollers and 20 were the public. Lin and Henry Ballard came from RMD to assist in field activities. Susan Lentz, from Sandia put on an Avalanche 1 course for Red River. Rob Deyerberg, the former Taos Forest Ranger put on a Avalanche 1 course at Angel Fire.

Smitty also held a Senior S&T at Pajarito Mountain.

There was a certified clinic held at Monarch. This clinic had George Mitchell from Ski Apache, Roman Gallegos with Bill Somers from Pajarito, Wally Shank, and Ed Gassman present as judges for the candidates. Most all candidates were from Sunlight Ski area. As the SW Region Director I was able to get Ski Apache, Sandia Peak Ski Area, Angel Fire Resort, Red River Ski Area, Monarch CO twice, and put many days in at my home area, Pajarito Mountain.

With recent c-spine surgery back in August, I was not able to patrol at Santa Fe Ski Basin this year but will continue to patrol there next year and nurture the seed that has been planted and eventually bring the patrol there to NSP as was done to Angel Fire Ski Resort where they are now 100% NSP. I did manage to attend another Association for Professional Patrollers Clinic (former the Far West Pro Patrol) where I passed one more module bring my total to 7 of nine leaving only Avalanche II and Avalanche Rescue (transceiver search) left as is the same with the NSP Certified program. This year the Certified program is one with the help of Bill Somers, George Mitchell, Wally Shank, and Ed Gassman has grown more this year than in years past.

I have run again for a two year term and was elected again and will continue to be active in growing all the programs. This concludes my annual report for the SW Region.

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