





2024-2025 Patrol Season Rocky Mountain Division Division Director's Journey

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Division Director Reporting

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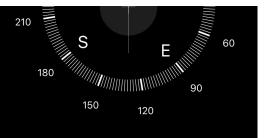
NSP RMD 2024-2025 Winter Goals:

Community, Communication, Opportunity, Retention, Development 5/1/2024 v1.0 (goals, as they were then, Successful actions taken)



- Events (Community, Development)
 - RMD Conference, September 6-8
 - National Day, (late February/early March TBD)
 - 10th Mtn 50th events: large numbers engagement beyond RMD
 - Mid/late February
 - NSP Team participation at Regional events:
 - Power of 4. Aspen (engage with Pro Division)
 - Elk Mtn Traverse
 - Alley Loop
 - Sunlight fundraising ski event
 - · Additional events/competitions TBD
- Patroller Relationships (Community, Opportunity, Development)
 - Intra-Division
 - Increase Regional Info sharing
 - Connect with NSP Mountain Hosts of the Region
 - Strengthen Paid-Volunteer
 - Connect more with Non-NSP (AAA, CAIC, NSAA, CSCUSA) organizations
 - Increase training across RMD held
 - Increase number of Instructors across RMD
 - Increase Hybrid-cross-Division trainings held
 - Increase 10th Mtn engagement
 - Train them: Avalanche
 - · Events with them: Hale to Vail Traverse
 - Expand scope to include 10th SFG and CONG

- Patroller Benefits (Retention, Development)
 - Enable Training (Opportunity, Growth)
 - Geographically Available
 - Look-back communication to Division on last year opportunities
 - Project last year's classes into this year
 - Enable Access: Pass discounts
 - Share Per-Mountain NSP benefits to RMD Membership
- How to Meet the Goals: (Communication)
 - · Communicate more via existing webpage
 - Increase Communication via DD emails
 - Utilize National Office support to increase quality of these communications
 - Include youtube videos as communication medium
 - Host Monthly All-Division 90 min session
 - Transparent info sharing
 - Removing tribal-knowledge
 - Share Division Budget
 - Measure training numbers to deliver programs better
 - Division "Scorecard" shared with Members
 - Still need data and to define, "what" data
 - Drive Fundraising/Donation opportunities within the RMD
 - Expand Staff of RMD with specific goals, budget
 - Hand-offs of existing RMD roles to new persons
 - Align with National Office and other Divisions on shared goal/objectives



309° NW

39°34′6″ N 106°17′34″ W 11670 ft Elevation









May - August 2024

- Represented National Ski Patrol at Tennessee Pass Monument Ceremony, Memorial Day Weekend
- Visited Fort Carson, hosted by 10th SFG for a day-visit, to better understand their Winter capabilities and trainings.
- Trail photo and location during a hiking reconnaissance of Hale to Vail route.
- Served as Committee Chair for the NSP Board elections, with many meetings held to manage the process, Candidates, and a video to all NSP Members, encouraging participation.









September 2024

- RMD Conference with 10th SFG presenting on their Mountain/Winter Warfare history. (Sgt Conor Heath).
- Devils Thumb two-day hike with BMNSP patrollers (Over the Continental Divide and back).
- More H2V recon, because you just can't prepare too much.

October-November 2024

- OEC Refresher he-nanigans.
- BMNSP New Candidates with their OEC Certificates.
- Another educational and inspirational visit with rescue helicopter teams.







December 2024

BEGIN THE WARREN MILLER TOUR

- Denver film visit with Winter Park patrollers and National Office Staff.
- Work with WME included showings in Boulder, Golden, Denver, Beaver Creek, and Aspen.
- Support from Winter Park Patrol, and Snowmass and Beaver Creek patrollers and Avy Dogs













December 2024

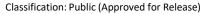
- Representing NSP at Birds of Prey downhill, NSP tent.
- Meeting with 10th Mountain Division Leaders in Vail as part of their pre-visit site survey.
- Visit to Powderhorn to spend a day with their Volunteer and Pro patrollers on their mountain.
- Visit to Snowy Range to spend a day with their Volunteer and Pro patrollers on their mountain.













January 2025

- NSP Board meeting in Denver.
- MLK weekend in New Mexico:
 - More than just the best Green Chile
- Pajarito
 - · Observing training.
 - Joining in training, joining in sweep.
- Ski Apache
 - Meeting Award Recipients from past-season rescue.
 - Making new Best Friends, joining in sweep, forgetting my patrol pack at the top of mountain patrol hut. (Will need to go back soon).
- Sandia Peak
 - Meeting patrol members.
 - Listening to their asks for Training and Engagement with the Womens Program.







February 2025

- Hale to Vail Patroller team building and route familiarization.
- Ski Sunlight hosting the RMD Avy 2 Class: Instructing and continuous Learning.











February 2025

- Avy 1 Class for the 10th
 Mountain Division, off Fremont Pass.
- Old friends, new friends.
- Training assisted by a
 Donation from the 10th
 Mountain Foundation to help with event costs and Teambuilding.











February 2025 80 year Commemoration of Attack up Riva Ridge, WWII, Italy

- Hale to Vail with 10th Mtn, COANG, 10th SFG and NSP, from Vail Pass.
- Arrival to Vail Back Bowls lift.
- Soldiers and Patrollers signing commemorative flags.
- Happy Division Director and NSP CEO, both glad to see a successful event!







March 2025

- Attended/Supported National Day, Ski Sunlight.
 - Patrollers present from across the Rocky Mountain Division.









- Mountain Travel Rescue class with Bryan Mountain Nordic Ski Patrol (BMNSP).
- Class work with ropes for patient lowering/raising on high-angle location.
- Photo of our kitchen and dining area.
- Patient transport on improvised sled.
- Welcoming committee as we arrived at where we'd set our tents and snow shelters for the night.
- Combination of MTR 1 and MTR 2 students.



June 2025



- NSP Presence continues: Vail GoPro Games.
- National Office Team leading NSP presence at the booth, and Division Director support to connect with the outdoor sports public over four days.
- Vail GoPro Games tent as the event hosted over 95,000 spectators.





Season Division Director Numbers



Areas Visited:

- 1. Beaver Creek
- 2. Snowmass
- 3. Powderhorn
- 4. Snowy Range
- 5. Vail Pass
- 6. Devils Thumb Ranch
- 7. Pajarito
- 8. Ski Apache
- 9. Sandia Peak
- 10. Sunlight
- 11. Vail
- 12. Aspen
- 13. Buttermilk
- 14. Eldora
- 15. Winter Park

Class Instructing:

- RMD Avy 2 Class, with RMD Leadership
- Avy 1, 10th
 Mountain, with
 RMD Leadership
- MTR 1, 2 with Bryan Mountain Nordic

Warren Miller: NSP

table and on-stage

- Boulder
- Golden
- Denver
- Beaver Creek
- Aspen

Division Director Travel Numbers:

- DD Hotel Nights as part of Travel in Division
- RMD September Conference, Broomfield (2)
- Red Cliff, CO (3)
- NSP Board Meeting, Denver (2)
- Snowy Range visit, WY (2)
- New Mexico visit, NM (3)
- Glenwood Springs, CO (2)
- DD received free **Hosted Nights**
- Carbondale, CO (5)
- Leadville, CO (6)
- Vail, CO (2)
- DD enabled Hotel Nights for RMD Patrollers
- New Mexico (3)
- Frisco (1)
- Leadville (7)
- DD enabled free **Hosted Nights for RMD Patrollers**
- Leadville (16)



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- Events (Community, Development)
 - RMD Conference, September 5-7
 - Visit to Iowa RMD Patrols
 - National Day, (late February/early March TBD)
 - 10th Mountain training and Remembrance Events (February)
 - Prioritize Training needs of RMD Membership, and be an Instructor (TBD)
- Patroller Relationships (Community, Opportunity, Development)
 - Deliver on NSP license plate program for State of Colorado.
 - Enable opportunities for Patrollers with Warren Miller film tour and Beaver Creek WC Downhill, "Talon Crew."
 - Intra-Division
 - · Increase Regional Info sharing
 - Connect with NSP Mountain Hosts of the Region
 - Continue to strengthen Paid-Volunteer Patroller relationships and engagement
 - · Increase training across RMD held
 - · Increase number of Instructors across RMD
 - Increase Hybrid-cross-Division trainings held
 - Continue 10th Mtn engagement
 - Train them: Avalanche, Mountain Travel and Rescue
 - Events with them: Hale to Vail Traverse, and include 10th SFG and CONG
 - Engage further with 10th Mtn Descendants and Foundation

Patroller Benefits (Retention, Development)

- Encourage, Enable, and Support new Leaders stepping into Leadership Opportunities.
- Enable Training (Opportunity, Growth)
 - Geographically Available
 - Look-back communication to Division on last year opportunities
 - Project last year's classes into this year
- · Enable Access: Pass discounts
 - Share Per-Mountain NSP benefits to RMD Membership

How to Meet the Goals: (Communication, Relationships)

- Continue Communication via DD emails
- Host Monthly All-Division 60 min session
- Communicate more via existing webpage
- Continue transparent info sharing from DD role
- Work to remove tribal-knowledge from our Culture
 - If I know about it, I want you to know about it.
- Share Division Budget, increase awareness of RMD finances
- Measure training numbers to deliver programs better
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