



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

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July 2025



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



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.





April 2025

- **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)



NSP RMD 2025-2026 Winter Goals:

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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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