

August 28, 2016.

To: National Ski Patrol, Central Division Board of Directors:

I understand that you will be considering a proposal to have the National Ski Patrol (NSP) create a stand-alone Low Angle Rescue (LAR) program. I, along with my entire training team am strongly in favor of this proposal.

Our patrol leadership has identified areas on our premises that make having an LAR plan in place a necessity. We rely on the NSP for guidance and educational resources for all of our customer rescue and emergency care needs. Because of the NSP's reputation as a leader in outdoor rescue educational programs we are confident that an NSP program would become the snowsports industry standard for LAR. This would provide us the confidence that we are providing our customers with the best possible care. In addition the General Manager of Alpine Valley Resort would be extremely supportive of a training program would enable our entire patrol to handle situations that may occur in our out of bounds area on the hill.

I urge you to approve the proposal to have NSP develop a stand-alone LAR educational program and forward the proposal to the National Board of Directors for their action.

Feel free to contact me at your convenience with any questions you may have regarding my support of this proposal.

Sincerely,
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