

March 08, 2017

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

We understand that you will be considering a proposal to have the National Ski Patrol (NSP) create a stand-alone Low Angle Rescue (LAR) program. Our entire training team is 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 in fact have just used an impromptu LAR for a patient and for our safety recently. We rely on the NSP for guidance and educational resources for all of our customer rescue and emergency care needs and would welcome the correct training. Because of the NSP's reputation as a leader in outdoor rescue educational programs we are confident that an NSP program would become the snow sports industry standard for LAR. This would provide us the confidence that we are providing our customers with the best possible care. In addition, the Owner and also our General Manager of Granite Peak would be extremely supportive of a training program that would enable our entire patrol to handle situations that may occur in our glade areas.

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,

Granite Peak Ski Patrol Board of Directors,