

# El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol

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## 2006-2007 Ski Patrol Program Celebrates Volunteerism, Community Service, and Forest Service Centennial

The National Forests are so much a part of our world, that we take their existence for granted. But in the early years of the twentieth century, it was not at all clear that any land would be preserved for future generations. The development of the idea of conservation and the development of the Forest Service happened together. The first chief of the Forest Service, Gifford Pinchot, was also one of the architects of conservation as a vision for the future, and a political movement.

Our role as volunteers, and our mission of community service, is linked to the Eldorado National Forest, and we are part of that broader tradition of conservation, public service, and the greater public good. This year we'd like to focus on celebrating with the Forest Service their 100 years of public service, as well as celebrating our own history of public service.

To kick off the season we're planning to invite our families and friends to view with us a movie of the history of the development of

conservation and the Forest Service, "The Greatest Good: A Forest Service Centennial Film." Later in the season we'll be looking at our own history and our role as volunteers in the future. As we firm up our plans we'll be getting back to you with more details.

In the meantime, as you'll read elsewhere, we have shortened the list of Committees who will meet once or twice this summer to plan our program this year. We'll be calling people based on their past interest. I hope you'll be able to spare time in the busy summer for one committee meeting.

We have a new energized Board, and after our first meeting I think we all left excited about the potential for this year. I hope we can stimulate your interest and enthusiasm also. We'll be keeping you posted on our progress this summer. In the meantime, enjoy the summer, and every once and awhile, spare a moment to think snow.

Jerry Plummer, President EDNSP

## Committees Combined & Streamlined

### Public Education and Training

Public Education: Designs, implements, and organizes the programs and events for the public and for the Patrol, to better educate them in winter safety. Major events include the Winter Safety Class and the Loon Chalet Open House.

Training: Plans the training schedule for the upcoming season to be ready for the

September meeting. Arranges for any instructors that we need to hire. Gets information from the Patrol as to what training we would like to see for next season.

### Equipment and Mechanized

Equipment: Keeps an inventory list of equipment owned by

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# Eldorado National Forest Volunteer Groups Display At REI



Paul & Annie work the crowds at REI

On Saturday, 10 June 2006, our able ambassadors—Paul Stover and Annie Patterson—fought the urge to sleep in a little longer on a Saturday and took the EDNSP story on the road to REI in Folsom. They shared a booth with another ENF volunteer group, ENFIA.

Along with other efforts, ENFIA operates the information cabin at Carson Pass in the summer. Paul & Annie reported it was time well spent. Paul said, “Gosh, I didn’t know it was so hot in the valley. Annie cut the legs off my ski pants and I had to stand in a bucket of ice!” Annie said, “I could have stayed home and worked on the snow blower, but this was well worth the trip. I talked with some nice folks and was able to do some early Xmas shopping for Paul!” A Nordic ski pole salute to Paul and Annie for a job well done!

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the Patrol. When the patrol decides to purchase equipment, this committee will do the research and report back with prices, etc. Purchases the equipment after the Board of Directors authorizes it.  
Mechanized: Develops training and procedures for operating mechanized equipment to perform and support EDNSP activities. Sets training standards for use of mechanized equipment.

### Trails & Patrolling and Huts

Trails & Patrolling: Establishes new trails and maintains existing trails. Supports the preparation of Recreational Opportunity Guides (ROGS). Ensures that EDNSP personnel effectively patrol the trails of the Eldorado National Forest.

Huts: Works with the USFS to develop and maintain a public-use hut network for the Eldorado National Forest.

### Membership and Handbook

Membership: Introduces new members to The EDNSP. Anticipates and



answers questions and concerns. Organizes ski days for all members. Sets up a mentoring program to assist new members

Handbook: Maintains and updates the EDNSP handbook.

### Race/Echo to Kirkwood

Oversees and coordinates the operation of the annual E2K race and Tour.



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The El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol was started during the winter of 1982 by a small group of cross country skiers working as volunteers for the US Forest Service. EDNSP has evolved into a non-profit corporation that works as a volunteer group with the Eldorado National Forest. The Patrol's primary objective is public service and education associated with winter mountain recreation.

EDNSP monthly meetings are the FIRST Tuesday of every month from September to April at 7 PM in the hearing room of Build C, the EL Dorado Government Complex located on Fair Lane in Placerville.

Dues are \$25 annually with membership subject to approval by the Board of Directors.



**“Have you signed up to serve on a committee? The committees are where the real work of the patrol is planned and organized. Get involved and help your president look good!” Jerry Plummer**

**Cool pictures to get you through a hot summer**

