

El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol

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The Trail Steward Program Is A Rewarding Experience!



John Stroud, Van Vleck Trail Steward

Trail Work: Trails are available for Patrol members to sign up as trail stewards. Information is provided at the monthly meetings and you can also check with Julie Hendricks.

Missi Escobar worked on Chipmunk Bluff trail out of Loon by trimming and putting up diamonds. She says, "Polaris Trail here I come!"

John Stroud worked the past two Saturdays on the Van Vleck Trail trimming, putting up new diamonds and flagging it. The emergency shelter was also cleaned up and restocked. Rich Platt, Julie and Monte Hendricks went along as his trial crew! John said, "It is great to work outdoors, spend the day with fellow Patrol members, and help make such a valuable contribution to winter recreation on the Eldorado National Forest. It doesn't get much better than this!"

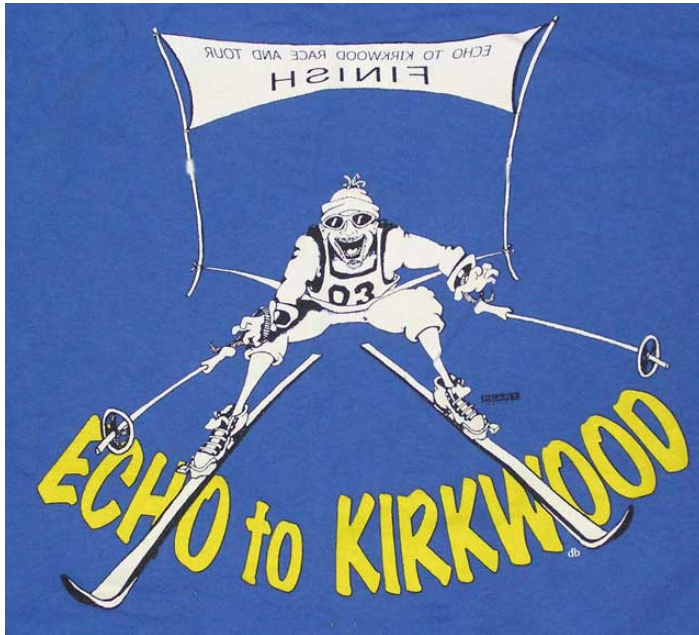
Thank you to ENF Crew 516 for brushing out several of the trails to make them easier to maintain and diamond. They also helped clear two areas by the emergency shelter so that a helicopter could safely land in case of an emergency. One area is right by the shelter the other area is about a quarter mile up the trail.

Search & Rescue Participation

Based on your responses to the SAR survey, the Board determined that it is not feasible for the Patrol to support SAR callouts as an independent unit. Therefore Patrol members interested in being called out for SAR missions will need to join El Dorado County SAR as individuals. At the November meeting, Deputy Todd Crawford discussed the requirements and standards which include: Attend 50% of

the meetings, trainings, and missions. Have basic first aid and CPR. Attend SAR Academy classes (many of the Patrol's trainings may fulfill SAR requirements and carry over). ED SAR meetings are the second Thursday of each month with 6:30 team meetings and 7:30 general meeting in Building A. For more information contact Todd Crawford @ 530-621-7660 or e-mail: crawfordt@edso.org

Echo To Kirkwood Race & Tour



Upcoming Activities

December 9th = **On The Hill Refresher** More information and sign ups to follow at the Dec. 5th general meeting. Training committee will meet to plan at the end of November.

January 6th = **Winter Safety Class.** We need Patrol members to volunteer to instruct any of the following sessions: Hypothermia, Weather, Nutrition, Clothing, Packs/10 Essentials, Avalanche, Emergency Shelters, Group Dynamics. Be ready to sign up at the Dec. 5th meeting!

News Items

Dues are Due: In order to maintain patrol membership dues need to be paid by December. The roster will be updated at that time. Please mail your dues (\$25) to EDNSP PO Box 1113 Pollock Pines, Ca 95726 if you do not attend the Dec. meeting and pay there.

Volunteer Hours: Julie (Patrol Secretary) will be taking over as Scribe for compiling the Patrol volunteer hours. To regularly report your volunteer hours please use the form that will be e-mailed to you soon. Fill it out and e-mail to the Secretary. Jerry provided a handout at the November meeting.

Status of E2K: Because no one stepped forward to take on any of the key leadership roles, the Board supported the E2K race committee's recommendation to cancel the event. Our president, Jerry Plummer put together this statement which was sent out to past race participants and is also posted on the Patrol's website:

"We are sad to announce that it is not feasible for the El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol to put on the 2007 Echo-to-Kirkwood Race and Tour. We regret that the resources are not available to conduct the extensive planning and preparation needed to hold the Race, in addition to other barriers that cannot be overcome. Over the next year we will consider alternative approaches. EDNSP is supportive of other groups taking on the task. If a feasible plan can be developed, we hope the Race can continue in the future.

The Patrol is proud of the part we played in the 33-year history of the Race."

More News Items

Proform: Susan Minneman presented information from the companies that offer us proform opportunities. This included catalogs, lists of offered items, and prices. The November meeting was when orders were made for Patagonia, Mtn Hardware and Backcountry Access. Susan reported that there may be items from Wasach and Lifelink available at a later time.

Status of Access at Echo Summit: Echo Summit is no longer a sno-park. Echo Lakes will remain open as a sno-park. Access at Echo Summit may become available through the new Special Use Permittee.

New Treasurer: Thank You Mark Stanley for stepping up and taking over as treasurer



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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.

Get your Vehicles & Gear Ready For Winter!

new winter wiper blades
snow tires
coolant/antifreeze
battery
chains
emergency items (blankets, etc)
Flat blade Shovel

Don't forget your skis, poles, pack, and personal gear! Scrape off the heavy wax you applied at the end of last season and check your bindings and screws. Clean and check out your poles. Replace with new—items in your pack such as matches, strapping and duct tape, emergency food, fire starter, and batteries & bulbs.

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