Eastern Division Nordic Program Report – 2016/2017 Season
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What a Season…..

Division Nordic staff helped completed the adoption of a Nation Memorandum of Understanding between the National Park Service and the National Ski Patrol. This is a fantastic achievement that took over a year to complete. Congratulations to Rick Shandler and the National Nordic Program staff for this accomplishment.

Division staff is also assisting with Nordic Patrol expansion across the national NSP system. It is worth noting that the Cross Country Ski Area Association is very interested in how the NSP Nordic Program can help with Cross Country Ski Area operations. Easter Division Staff is assisting with this effort.

Basic Nordic Patrol Development – Staff continued work developing new Nordic ski patrols in the Division. We are pleased to have established our first Maine Region Nordic Patroller program. Congratulations to Maine as they have are already planning the launch of the second Nordic patrol in the northern part of Maine.

Discussions are in progress to open a new Nordic Patrol in the area of Gore Mountain. We hope to complete this in the upcoming year. If you have a cross country area that could benefit from having a Nordic program in your region please reach out to me.

Nordic Senior – The Division supported a Nordic Senior Evaluation that was held in the Highland Forest New York. Highland Forest is a great Nordic facility and the Highland Forest Nordic patrol did a great job hosting the event. This division operated program guarantees Nordic senior training opportunities to patrols with limited Nordic resources. On behalf of the Division, I would like to thank the Highland Forest Cross Country Ski area and the Highland Forest Nordic Patrol for all the support we receive.

Nordic Master – Nordic Master Candidates continue to work hard to complete the certification process. Candidates from the Western New York, Western Massachusetts and New Jersey Regions are in various stages of completion. One candidate has a final review board scheduled in the very near future

Upcoming Events - Next season’s schedule is being drafted as you read this. Watch the Eastern Division’s website calendar for the Division’s Annual Avalanche, Mountaineer & Nordic
Refresher and Nordic Program events.