SO, You Want to Develop an NSP BIKE PATROL —-

 10 Questions to Answer on Your Way

1. From where and how will I obtain my patrollers?

2. Who will be the sponsoring/reporting agency with which you will sign an MOU (park? organization? ski area?)

3. How will liability be determined?

4. What services will the patrol be able to provide?

5. Where will you receive training? OEC OFC CPR refreshers Trail Safety Bike Repair

6. What supplies will the patrol need?

7. and how will we obtain funds?

8. Who at the- National office - division- region -can help with the paperwork- registration, MOU?

9. When and who will develop the patrol’s by-laws and operating procedures?

10. Where’s the nearest ~~beer/~~Gatorade?

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Suggestions for Answers

1. Advertise with local ski patrols because there are plenty of patrollers who mountain bike; these people will likely have many of the skills that you already need. In addition, the local mountain bike organizations can be a great resource, though you will need to set up training programs for them. Finally, some nordic patrols may patrol the same areas in the winter.

2. Bike patrols are set up in different ways. There are independent patrols, who manage multiple MOUs (Memorandum of Understanding) with land managers in public lands. There are patrols who serve a bike club, and the bike club managers the MOUs. And, there are patrols that work at ski areas in the summer, working under an established MOU with the area. Discussions with the leaders and/or managers of the agencies are needed to develop an MOU that fits the structure of the patrol. Also, include service agreements, and JSOU (Joint Statement of Understanding).

3. Discuss with NSP and the agency regarding their insurance coverage’s.

4. Consider the duties and requirements/goals of your patrol. You’ll need to decide what level of training- OFC or OEC; also, you’ll need to make decisions on whether to offer basic bike repairs, trail monitoring, trail ambassadors, etc.

5. Training: coordinate with a local ski patrol or the local region of NSP for first aid; for other training, bike shops are a great resource. NSP MTR classes, trail maintenance organizations such as ADK, and other first aid organizations can provide additional support. ISC-100 Training would be mandatory

6. What will be carried on the bike depends on training received.

7. Patrol dues, fundraising activities, local grants, support from land managers and bike clubs.

8. . Go to <https://www.nsp.org/NSPMember/Get_Involved/Join_the_NSP_/Bike_patrols_and_bike_hosts>

For the step by step process and office contact

9. Once the patrol has been formed, a committee should be formed to determine administrative structure, by-laws, operational procedures etc.

10. Don’t forget to take a break!