Fellow Region Directors and Patrollers,

I'm Peter Buss, Western Appalachian Region Director, and I'm running to be your next NSP Eastern Division Director.

After 35 years on the hill—working as everything from a volunteer to a paid staffer—I know that the heart of the NSP isn't only in a boardroom; it's on the slopes and with our Members. Whether I'm working my weekend shift at Hidden Valley or mentoring new patrollers as an OET IT, I stay grounded in the reality of our job, and our job is to provide a premium level of care regardless if it's on a green groomer, in a back country bowl or on a single-track bike trail. We accomplish this through delivering strong educational programs that align with the NSP mission.

Why I'm running: Right now, our Division is missing a vital connection with its Members. We've become a culture of Zoom meetings, but leadership requires presence. I've traveled this Division extensively to meet you in person, and as Director, I will continue that mission. You deserve to know exactly who is guiding the NSP and to know that your voice is being carried to the National Board of Directors and National office. You, as Members, are the voice and backbone of NSP. We can't lose sight of this.

My Commitment:

1. **Support for Programs:** I will prioritize delivery of programs, opportunities for training, development of Instructors and ensure our programs have the funding and fiscal oversight needed to thrive. In addition, I will focus on removing unnecessary complexity by simplifying processes for our Program Advisors, Instructors and Members.
2. **Financial Responsibility:** In an ever-changing financial climate, I will ensure that every dollar is spent with a maximum return on value to benefit all Members of the Eastern Division.
3. **Advocacy:** I believe in the rights and voice of the individual patroller. I will be a vocal advocate for your concerns at every Division and National meeting. I will represent you!
4. **National BOD & National Office:** I will stay engaged in the current issues facing the membership at the National level, whether it's a change in an appointment requirement or proposed fees to be an OEC technician. All issues will be brought back to the Division Board for discussion, consideration and consensus which will then be communicated back to the National level.
5. **Continuous Growth:** As Certified Patroller #872, I live by the creed that we never stop learning and developing. I want to build a Division which supports continuing education and growth for every member.
6. **Lead by Example:** I will be present, visible and engaged. I will empower division leadership to make decisions without micromanaging outcomes.

Let me be your voice. Let's together bring the focus of leadership back to the mountains and trails that you, the Members, represent!

Thank you for your consideration,

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Ski Patrol Experience

	Patrols / Status
1986/87	Laurel Mountain Ski Patrol – Candidate
1987/88	Laurel Mountain Ski Patrol – Alpine Jr. Patroller
1990	Hidden Valley Ski Patrol – Alpine Patroller Volunteer Staff
1996	Hidden Valley Ski Patrol – Alpine Patroller Volunteer Shift Supervisor
2003-2007	President Hidden Valley Ski Patrol Inc
2011-2015	President Hidden Valley Ski Patrol Inc
2013-2018	Hidden Valley Ski Patrol – Alpine Patroller Paid Staff Shift Supervisor
2018 – current	Seven Springs Ski Patrol – Alpine Patroller Paid Staff
2019	Certified Program Candidate
2022 – current	Western Appalachian Region Director
2023	Director of OET Training Seven Springs / Hidden Valley
2024	Hidden Valley Ski Patrol – Alpine Patroller Lead / Ski Patrol Specialist

Certifications

1991	Avalanche 1 MTR 1
1993	Senior Alpine Patroller Phase 1
1995	Phase II Global TI
2012	Patroller Achievement Award
2017	Division OET Trainer / Examiner
2019	Patroller Cross ICS 100 & 700 certified
2023	Avalanche Level 1 – Module 1, 2, 3
2024	National Appointment #12346
2025	Certified #872
2026	OET IT