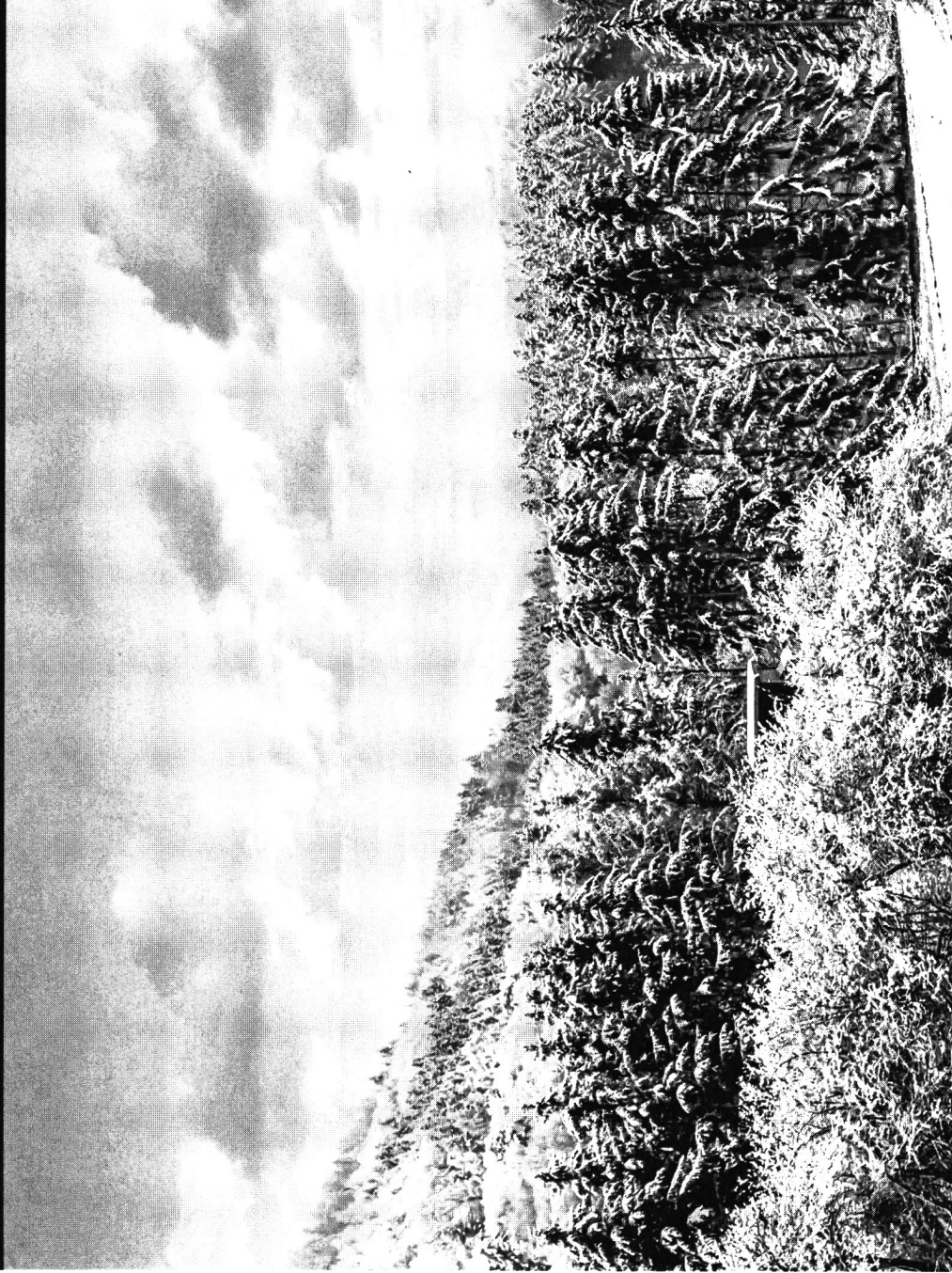


VALLEY COUNTY
SEARCH AND RESCUE

WINTER RESPONSE TEAM

2024/2025





SEASON COMPONENTS

Team Members

Season Timeline

Snowpack Summary

Training

Missions

Past Seasons Comparison

Highlights

Lessons Learned

Goals for 2025/2026 Season

TEAM MEMBERS

17 TOTAL TEAM MEMBERS

6 NEW MEMBERS

7 ON-TRAIL RESPONDERS

10 OFF-TRAIL RESPONDERS

12 HASTY AVALANCHE RESPONDERS

4 ON CALL MISSION COORDINATORS

3 VALIDATED AVALANCHE K9 TEAMS

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

4 FROM CASCADE

2 FROM DONNELLY

2 FROM MCCALL

Season Timeline

●
NOVEMBER 24TH

First Day
Mission Coordinator
On-Call Coverage

●
DECEMBER 14TH

First WRT All Levels
Team Training

●
DECEMBER 15TH

First Mission Request
Avalanche Fatality

●
JANUARY 2ND

#2 Coppet Creek
#3 Red Ridge
Both at 1900

●
JANUARY 3RD

#4 Johnson Creek
DECLINED

●
JANUARY 11TH

#5 Granite Lake

●
JANUARY 15TH

Off-Trail Team
Training

●
FEBRUARY 3RD

#6 Unknown location
North of McCall
#7 Lake Cascade
Both at 1630

●
FEBRUARY 8TH

#8 Tyndall Meadows
Fatality

●
FEBRUARY 16TH

#9 Four Corners

●
FEBRUARY 22ND

#10 Granite Lake

●
MARCH 29TH

#11 Anderson Creek

●
MAY 1ST

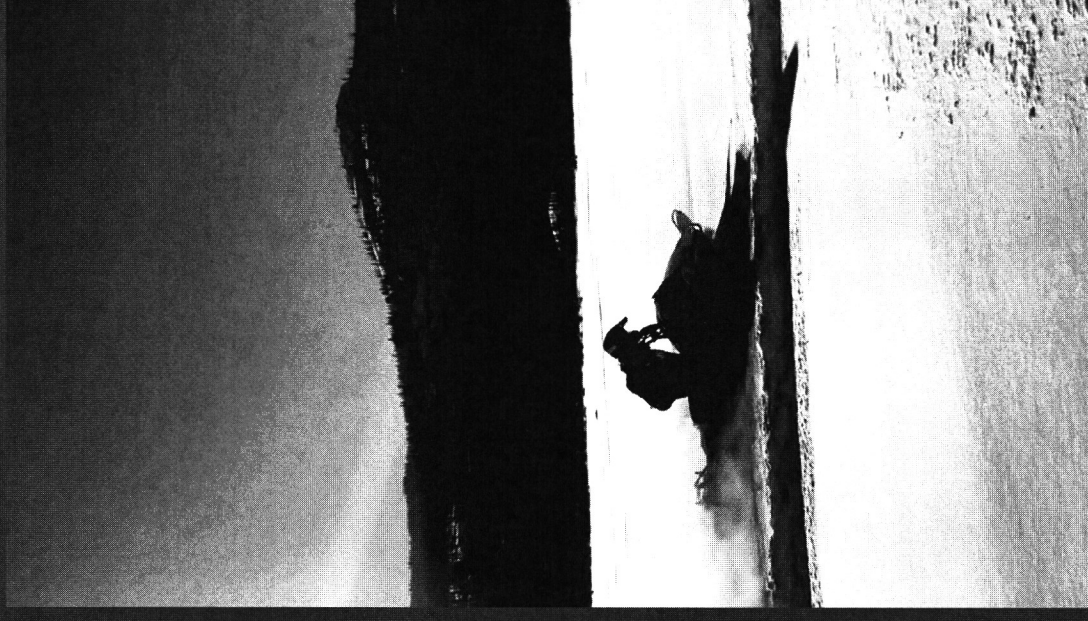
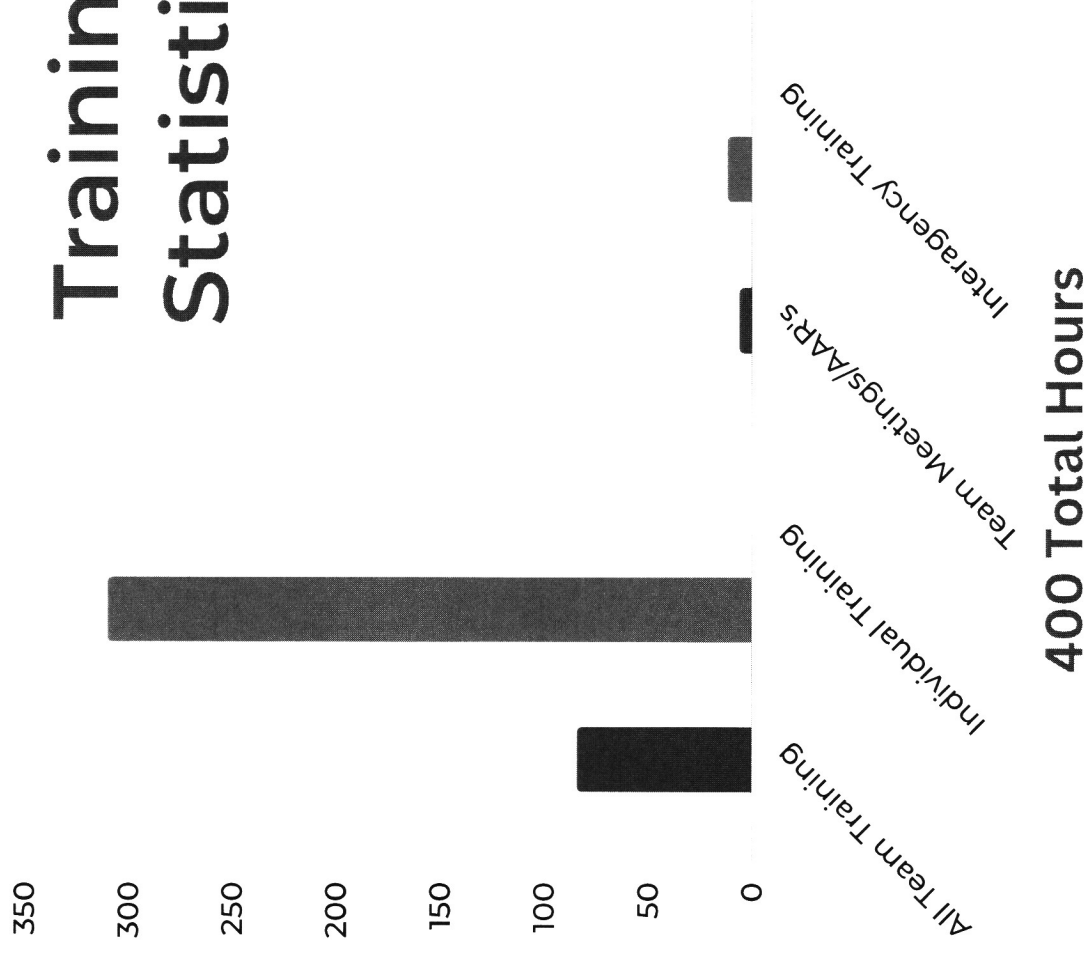
Last Day
Mission Coordinator
On Call Coverage

Date	What is the highest danger rating today (at any elevation)?	Was there a watch warning, or special advisory statement?	What is the highest danger rating today (at any elevation)?	What is the primary problem type?	Is there a persistent problem type (even if not primary problem)?	Were there avalanches reported today?
12/14/2024	Considerable				No	no
12/17/2024	Moderate!!!		Low	Persistent Slab	YES!	Yes
12/19/2024	Moderate		Low	Persistent Slab		yes
12/21/2024	Moderate		Low	Persistent Slab		yes
12/23/2024	Low		Considerable	Persistent Slab		Yes
12/28/2024	Considerable		Considerable	Persistent Slab		no
12/31/2024	Moderate		High	Persistent Slab	Y	no
1/4/2025	Considerable	Rain to 7500ft	High	Wind Slab	Yes	no
1/7/2025	Moderate		High	Dry Loose	no	no
1/8/2025	Moderate		Considerable	Wind Slab	no	no
1/11/2025	Moderate		Considerable	Wet Loose	no	yes
1/14/2025	Moderate		Considerable	Wet Loose	no	yes
1/18/2025	Low		High	Wind Slab	no	no
1/23/2025	Low		High	Wet Loose	no	no
1/25/2025	Low		High	Wet Loose	no	yes
1/28/2025	Low		High	Wet Loose	no	yes
1/30/2025	Low		High	Wet Loose	no	yes

Date	What is the highest danger rating today (at any elevation)?	Was there a watch warning, or special advisory statement?	What is the primary problem type?	Is there a persistent problem type (even if not primary problem)?	Were there avalanches reported today?
4/1/2025	Moderate		Wind Slab	no	no
4/3/2025	Low		None	No	no
4/8/2025	Moderate		Wet Loose	no	no
4/10/2025	Moderate		Wet Loose	no	no
4/12/2025	Moderate		Wet Loose	no	no

- Takeaways from this season:**
- 299" total snow with 40.7" of snow water equivalent
 - More HIGH danger rating than last season
 - Out of 50 forecasts, only 12 days had a persistent slab problem

Training Statistics



WRT Annual Refresher

RISK ASSESSMENT FORM

TIERED TEAM RESPONSE

TWO PIECE AKJA

HYPO BAG



AVALANCHE RESCUE



RADIO COMMUNICATION

PATIENT TREATMENT

SITE MANAGEMENT/ICS

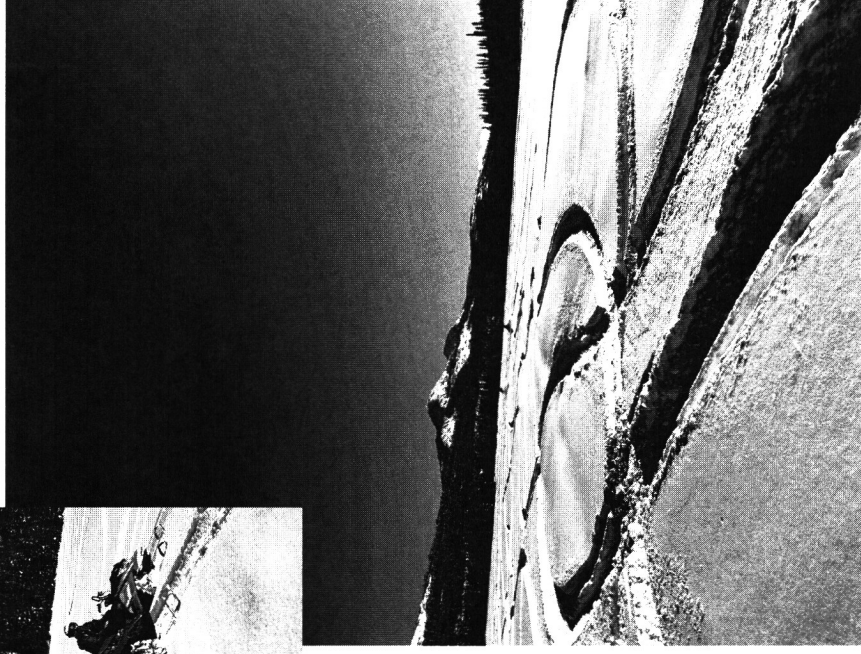
PATIENT PACKAGING/TRANSPORT

VACUUM SPINE BOARD

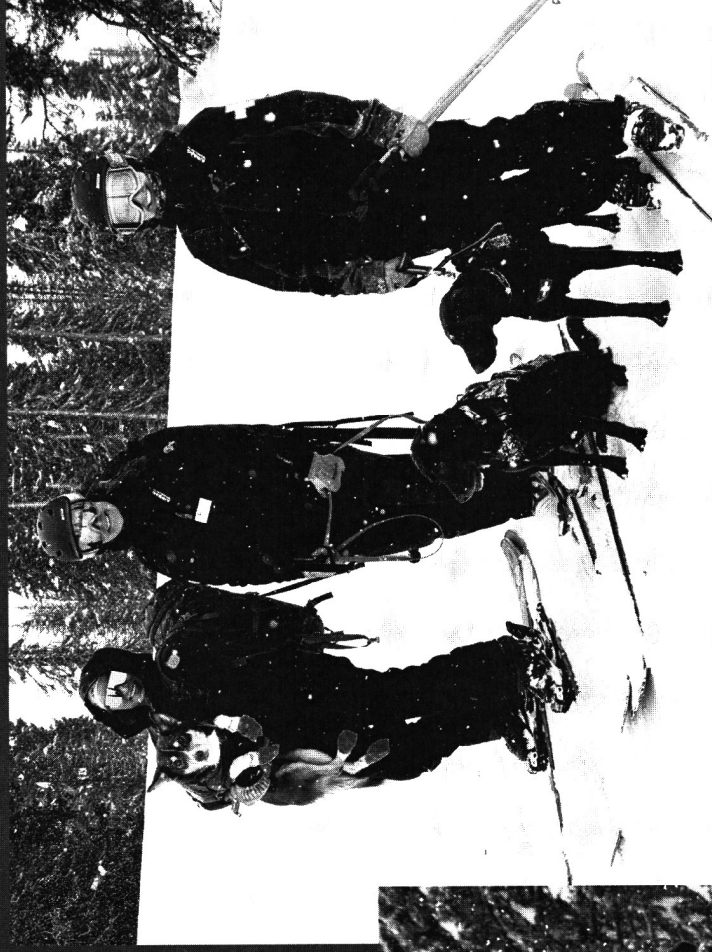
SEASONAL
CHECKOFF WITH
AIR ST LUKES



OFF-TRAIL TEAM
RIDE DAY



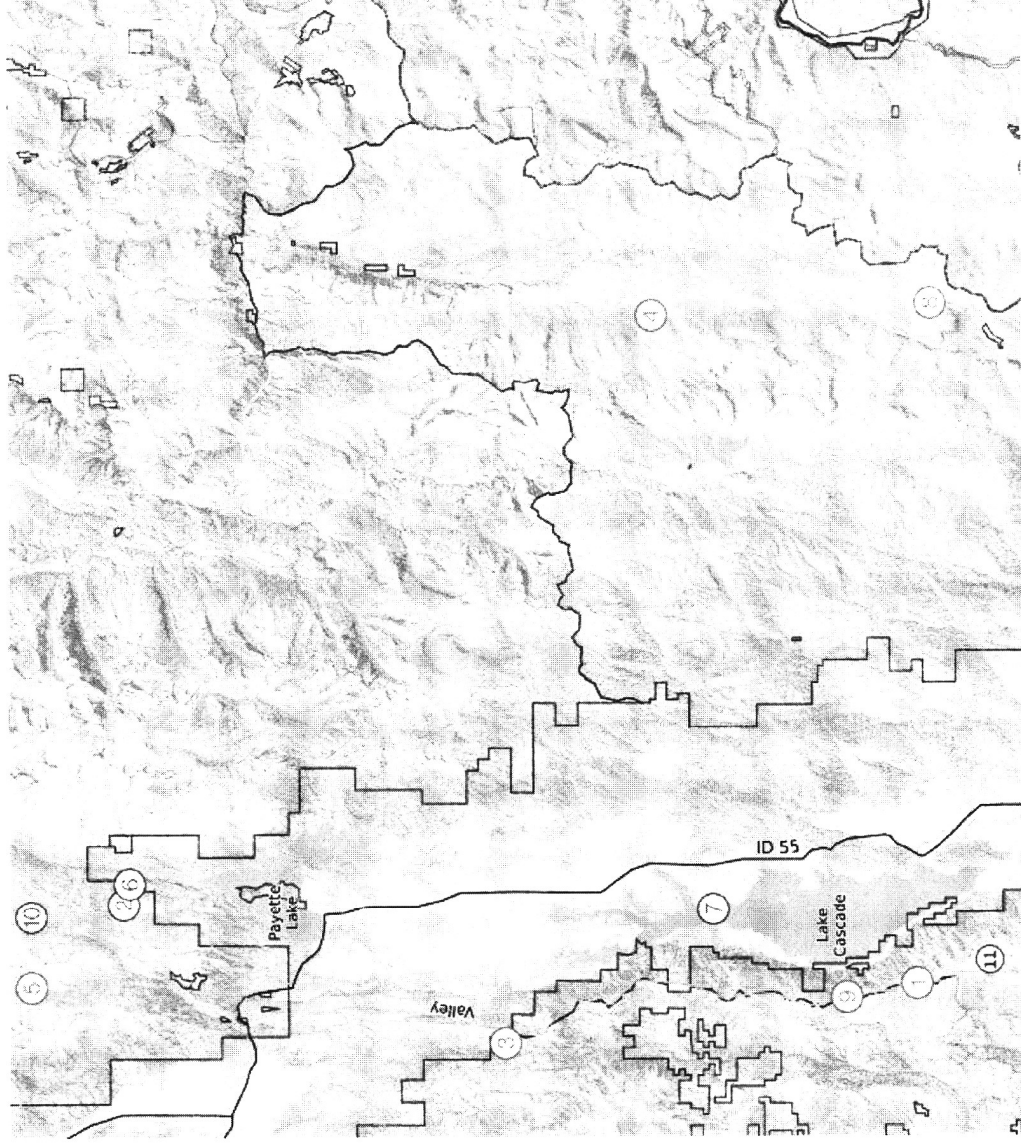
**Lots of avalanche-
specific K9 training
locally and
regionally!**



Re-certified in Avalanche!

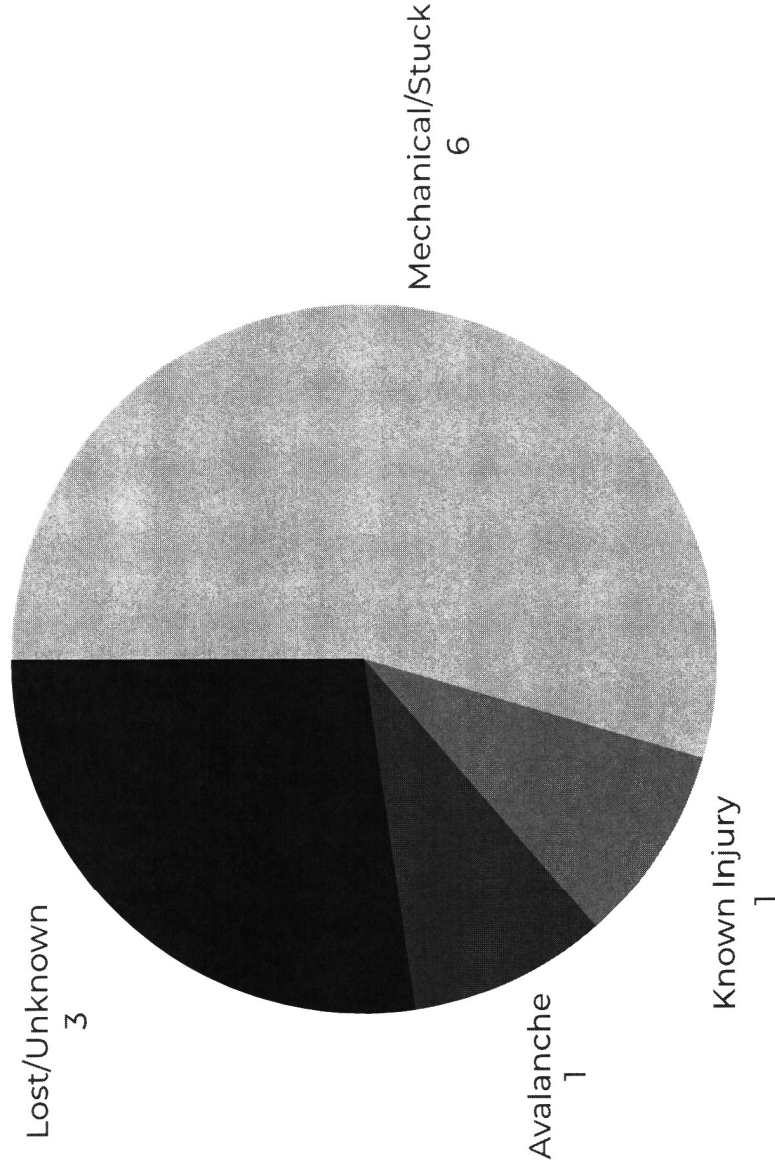


2024/2025 Missions



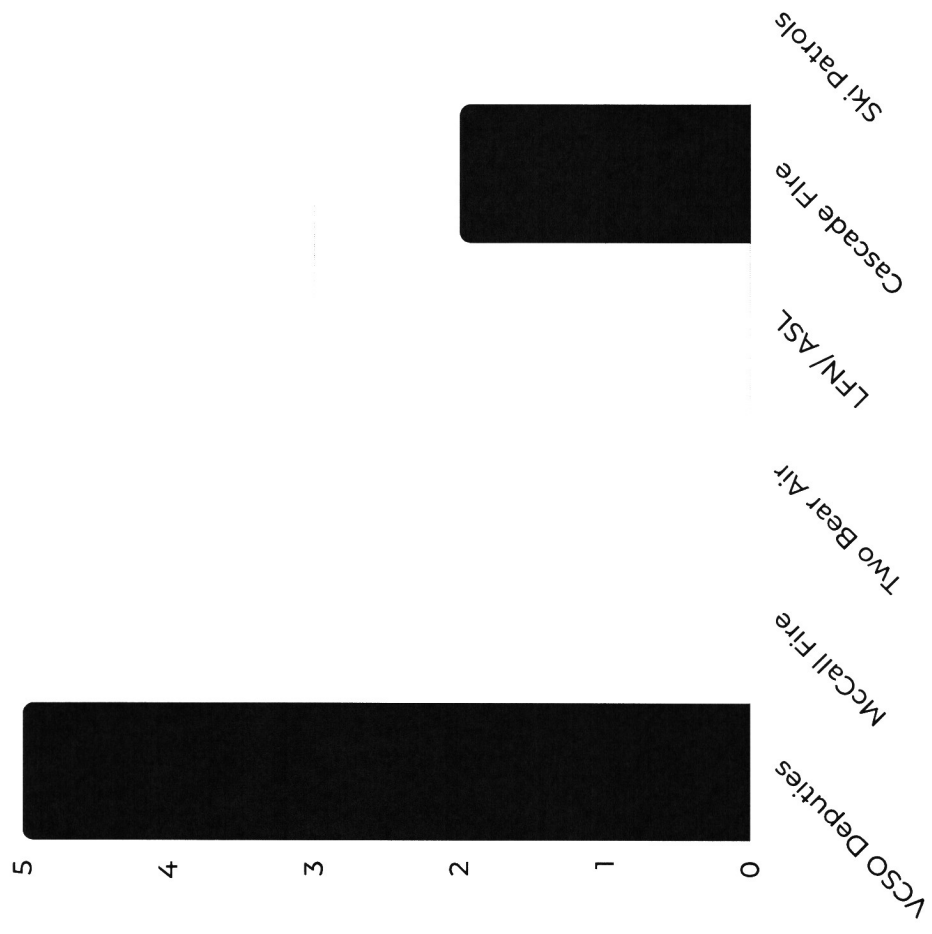
Mission Statistics

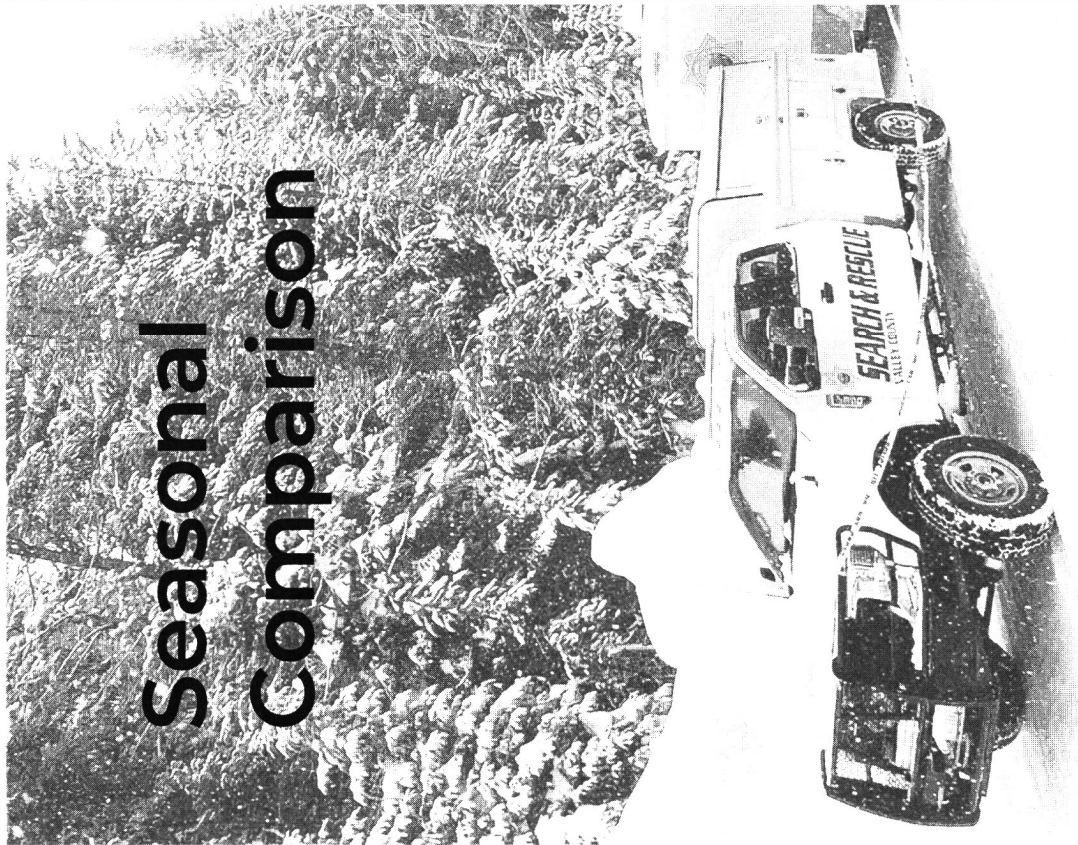
11 Mission Requests
1 Mission Declined
5 Stood down
5 Completed Missions



Out of 11 Mission Requests

Agency Interaction





Seasonal Comparison

Column 1	▼ #	22/23	▼ #	23/24	▼ #	24/25	▼
Team Members		8		14		17	
On Trail		0		6		5	
Off Trail		8		8		12	
Avalanche		7		7		14	
Total MC On Call Days	Dec 1 - May 1 = 149	▼	Dec 17 - May 1 = 131	▼	Nov 24 - May 1 = 157	▼	
# of covered days		134		131		157	
Total Training Hours		586		492		400	
Team		170		321		84	
Personal		368		171		310	
Interagency		32		240		12	
Deployment Requests		10		10		11	
Accepted		10		9		10	
Completed		7		5		5	
Stood Down		3		4		5	
Declined		0		1		1	
Response Type: On-trail		2		3		1	
Off-trail		8		7		9	
Avalanche		0		0		1	
Location: North Valley		10		5		4	
Mid Valley		0		5		1	
South Valley		0		0		6	

Misses :-(

Mobilization Time

- Continue to develop and use the On-Call Calendar
- Continue to reduce response times
- Actively recruit for a SOUTH Response Team

Communications

- Continue to work on Interagency Communications and with Dispatch

More Training!

- Injured vs non-injured extrication
- Ropes training and equipment
- All WRT training

Additional Gear Needed

- Trail sled needed for pulling victims out on the groomed road.
- Additional rescue gear for Winter specific operations (ex shovels)

Hits!

Safety

- Good risk management practices
- Requested appropriate people for the mission
- Managed avalanche hazard well

Gear!

We Got Gear!

- Akja for non motorized transport
- More medical gear for Hypothermic patients

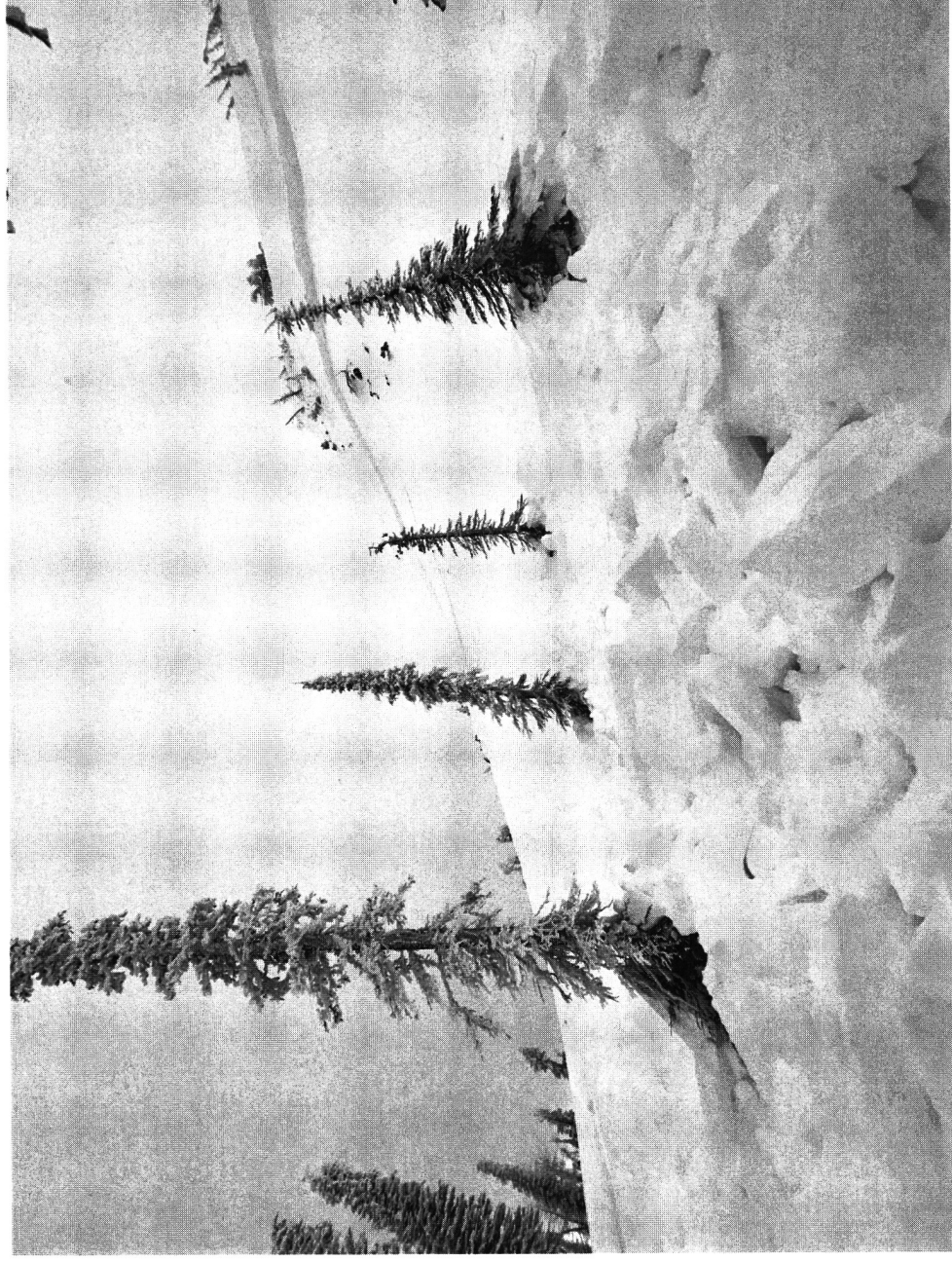
Flow Chart/Checklists

- MC packet with checklist implemented this season.
- Avalanche Response Flow chart implemented this year

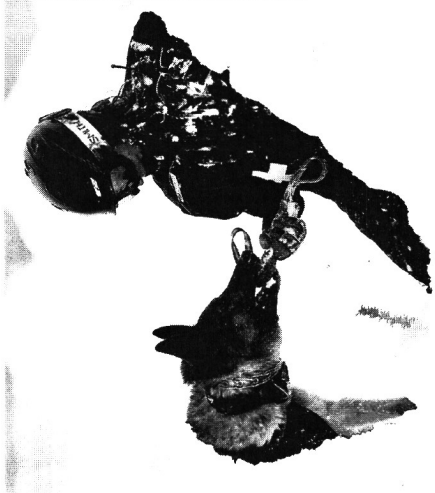
ICS Roles

- ICS roles went way more smoothly this year with SO and other interagency partners

Goals for 2025/2026 Winter Season



- MOU WITH HELICOPTER SERVICE/MORE WRT MEMEBRS CHECKED OFF
- INTERAGENCY RESCUE COURSE
- ALL TEAM INTERAGENCY AVALANCHE SCENARIO
- MONTHLY TEAM TRAINING
- GROWING THE TEAM
- COMMUNICATIONS



BERGEN RETIREMENT



**Questions?
Comments?**

