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To: Crater Lake Ski Patrollers for 10 & 11 December, 2011

I am the Patrol Leader for the weekend. It looks like we will have 7 or 8 patrollers for the weekend (Tom Ford is listed as Alternate – **Tom let me know if you are coming up for the weekend**).

Joe Spillanne will be our Ranger contact on Saturday and Jan Lemons is our contact on Sunday.

The Ski Patrol House is #87A (it should have a red cross outside) and it SHOULD be unlocked by Friday evening. I plan to come up Friday evening. **Please let me know if you will be up at the Lake Fri evening or Sat morning.** We can also use #87B for overflow (bedrooms only). The Ski Patrol House phone number is either 541-594-3131 or 3135 (I've seen both listed this year). The Crater Lake Operations number is 541-594-3060. If you have a last minute reason why you have to cancel please call and let us know so we don't start searching for you. **If you are sick don't come up and share your germs.**

The Ski Patrol tradition is to have a 'themed' potluck on Sat Evening with the Patrol and any Park employees that want to participate (usually 4-8). The theme will be Italian. I'll do a main dish (meatless). We should have another main dish, salad, bread and desert. Breakfast and lunch is up to each patroller.

Weather Forecast for Crater Lake is:

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 41. East southeast wind between 6 and 9 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Southeast wind around 6 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 42. South wind between 3 and 6 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 37.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Sunday: A slight chance of snow showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 34.

I'm anticipating that the snow will be very icy (i.e. High risk – Low enjoyment) and we have four patrollers on their first weekend so this is my plan for the weekend activities:

- Install the Rope Line at the Rim. This is the top priority.
- Install West Rim Trail Sign at the Rim (assuming that we have adequate snow).
- Install East Rim Trail Sign (assuming that we have adequate snow).
- Install No Dog Sign at Rim (I think this is a separate sign)
- Check the Patrol Rigg for gear. Make sure everything is in the vehicle.
- SAR Cache Orientation. Get familiar with what's in the SAR Cache.
- Patrol Office Orientation.
- Transceiver Practice. We can do this until everyone feels comfortable with the Transceivers.
- If we have time we will get the sled out of the Patrol Rig and work with it. (We will need Ranger help if we practice with the sled).

Let me know if there is anything else that you want to work on this weekend. My plan is flexible.

Neil has a lot of good information on the Crater Lake Ski Patrol website or you can contact me at jnfertig@gmail.com or 541-601-5687.

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