



Bus Trips for 2019

Leadville, Colorado: January 18-21 (Martin Luther King weekend) for \$245/person. The trip is full, but there could be openings if a participant cancels at the last moment. Watch your email for cancellation announcements.

The Ouray bus trip has been cancelled due to their not being enough registrations. We are working on securing lodging and transportation for a trip to ever popular Pagosa Springs for the same weekend, February 22-25th so keep the dates open and watch your email for an announcement. Those who signed up for the Ouray trip have the option of applying your Ouray deposits toward the Pagosa Springs trip should it be offered.

Please be sure to read the Bus Trip Guidelines that are also linked to in the newsletter (on website). Direct any questions to me (awelford1017@gmail.com) or to Bob (hvac87108356@yahoo.com). We hope you will join us for this fun bus trip season with lots of skiing opportunities!

Afore mentioned bus trip guidelines can be found at <http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/bus-trips/>

Instruction

Beginner Cross Country Ski Outdoor session:

When: Saturday, Jan 12, 2019, 9-noon & optional after-lunch ski tour

Where: Meet to carpool then off to the Sandia Mts for fun.

Who: Must be a member of the NM Cross Country Ski Club

Detailed information will be sent out before Jan 10, 2019 NM ski club meeting.

Contact Ruth Bargman-Romero if you want to attend or have questions.

Instruction@NMCCSkiClub.org

A Beginner's friendly (all ski levels welcome) is in the works for the Enchanted Forest near Red River. Watch email for more details.

NMCCSC Annual Telemark Ski Lessons:

When: Sunday, Feb 10, 2019, Basic Beginner AM & More advanced PM

Where: Plan A- Sandia Peak ski area, Plan B Santa Fe Ski Area

Who: Must be a member of the NM Cross Country Ski Club

Participants will need a lift ticket, the specific ski hill determined by snow conditions.

More detailed information to come.

31st Annual Tony Forrest Telemark Workshop:

When: Sat Jan 26 & Sun Jan 27, 2019

Where: Santa Fe Ski area

Cost \$210-\$125-\$65

Chama area Yurt Trips February 2019

1. Two openings for Grouse Creek Yurt, February 22-24, and two are signed up already.

More info on the yurts here.

<https://southwestnordiccenter.com/yurts/grouse-creek-yurt/>

Contact Scott Mitchell to sign up.

The club has visited Grouse Creek Yurt before and had a wonderful time with plenty of snow, despite it being a dry year. On the layover day we had an exploratory loop adventure to the high country.

2. No openings for Flat Mountain Yurt February 1-3. Four people going.

January Program

A ranger from the US Forest Service, Sandia Ranger District will discuss future plans for development and management of trails in the Sandia's.

Ski Waxing

Even wax less skis need some waxing TLC. The email distribution of the newsletter includes (as a separate document) an eleven page pdf file for waxing your cross country skis. The pdf file (and others) can be found on the web page shown below.

<http://www.swixsport.com/Wax-Resources>

Hut Trip to Perter Estin

Guy and 15 skiers will be squishing the snowflakes at Peter Estin hut just a few days from now.

Trip Reports

A quick moving snowstorm left fresh snow in northern NM on night of December 12. On Saturday the 15th, nine skiers from Albuquerque and Santa Fe skied the Coyote Call Loop in the Jemez. The trip was delightful with 4 inches of snow along the highway, 6 to 8 inches along the lower road, and 12 inches of powder on the middle road. At the west end of the loop, the snow was sticky in the sun. An excellent track was set by previous skiers. Four 15 inch trees had fallen across the trail, which were easily crossed, some crossing over with skis on foot, some taking time to remove their skis.





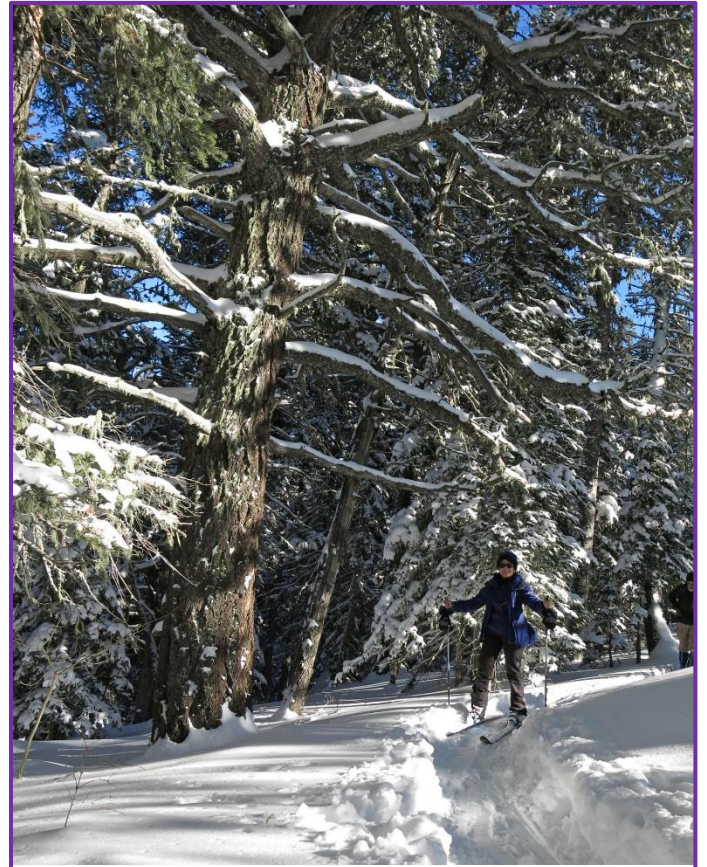
Sybil, Stacy, Alan, Sarah  Sam 

A progression of snowstorms since mid-December is covering up the rocks and sticks and providing nice snow, which is remaining skiable due to cold temperatures. Several folks have been out and shared their experience via group email, reporting could be generally summarized as: good skiing, road to trailhead might be plowed, take a shovel.



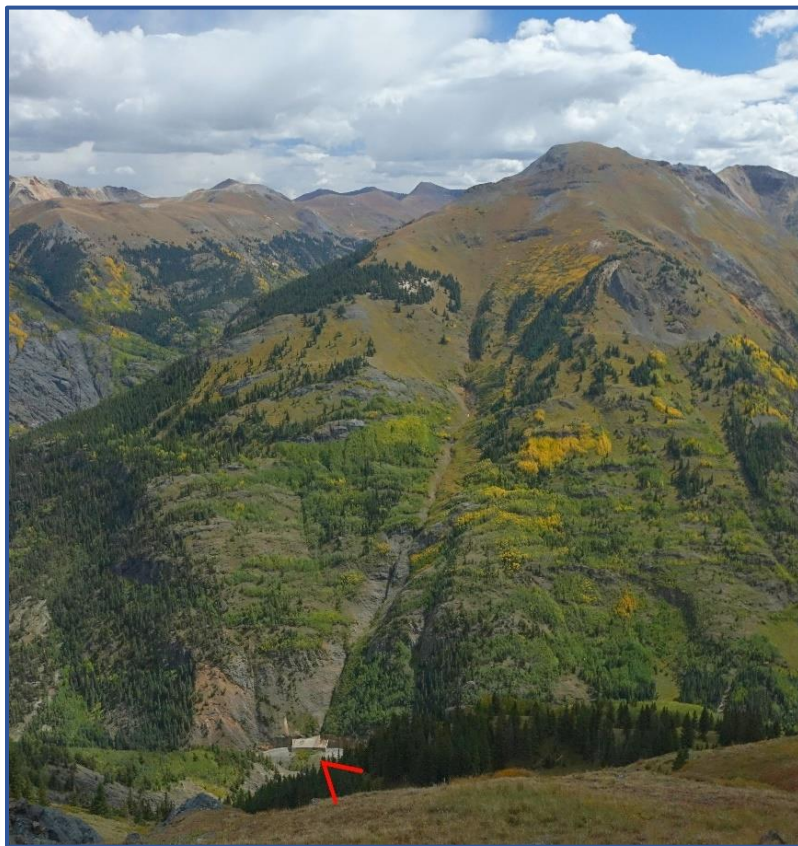
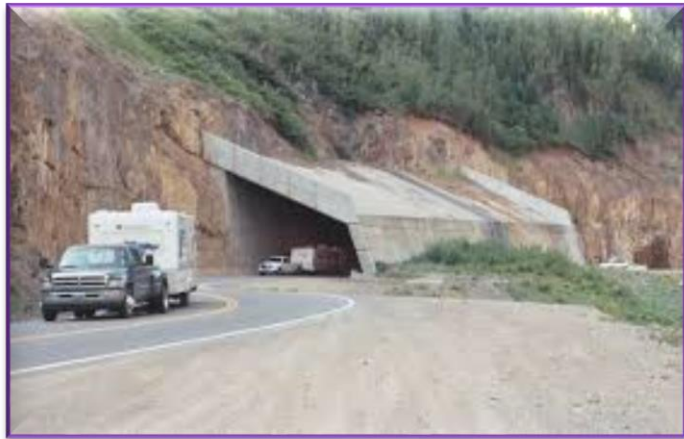
Oak flat ski day. Photo by Carl Smith

Old tree, young skier, great conditions on Sandia trail 130. Photo by Carl Smith.



Terrain Traps

Do you need avalanche awareness, training, or gear, if your skiing does not occur on terrain that steep? Beware, a trail as wide as a highway with a 2 degree slope (3.5% grade) can be deadly if it is a terrain trap. Nearby example meeting this description, is the snowshed on highway 550, a few miles south of Ouray. The slide path is the drainage for a 75 acre bowl, on the slopes of Mt Abrams. Perhaps the pictures give a sense of scale.



<https://avalanche.org/avalanche-encyclopedia/terrain-trap>

<https://www.backcountry.com/explore/how-to-read-avalanche-terrain-when-route-finding>

TERRAIN TRAPS:

Even a small avalanche can leave a victim buried deeply in a terrain trap.



Here is a text book example of this type of terrain trap. See the poke points above for additional examples and awareness of topographical features collectively known as terrain traps.

In the early 1960's cars were built like tanks. Here is a picture of an automobile from that era, caught in the Mt Abrams snow slide, as it is being winched out of the terrain trap it was carried into. Ski safe and aware.



FYI: There is table of 'Avalanche Outlook' websites at the end of the newsletter. Additional quick links regarding awareness of weather, roads, avalanche information can be found at:

<http://nmccskiclub.org/weather-road-links/>

Calendar of Events 2018-2019

Monday - Saturday	January 7 – January 12	Hut Trip – Peter Estin
Thursday	January 10 7:00 – 9:00PM	General Meeting at Garden Club
Saturday)	January 12	Field Instruction - Beginning Cross Country Skiing Sandia Mountains
Weekend (1 day)		
Friday-Monday	January 18-21	Bus Trip Leadville, Colorado
Friday - Sunday	February 1 – February 3	Flat Mountain Yurt Trip
Weekend	January or February	Beginner friendly overnight trip (compliments beginning ski lessons)
Thursday	February 14 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club
Friday - Sunday	February 22 – February 24	Grouse Creek Yurt trip
Friday-Monday	February 22 – February 25	Potential Bus Trip to Colorado (watch email)
Thursday	March 14 7:00 – 9:00 PM	General Meeting at Garden club



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Finding Us			
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Mail	New Mexico Cross Country Ski Club PO Box 51563 Albuquerque, NM 87181		

Ratings		
Class	Vertical Climb (ft)	Distance (miles)
One	Less than 1000	Less than 5
Two	Less than 2000	Less than 5
Three	Greater than 2000	Greater than 10
Four	Unpatrolled, mountainous terrain, with the purpose of downhill skiing. Slopes can be greater than 25 degrees. Knowledge of use of climbing skins, avalanche gear needed.	
Steepness of slopes, skill level, and stamina can also dictate the ski tour rating. Please see the webpage for more information. http://nmccskiclub.org/ski-outings/		

Avalanche Outlook	
US	https://avalanche.org/
Canada	https://www.avalanche.ca/map
Taos	http://taosavalanchecenter.org
Crested Butte	http://cbavalanchecenter.org/
Northern NM	http://www.nnmae.org/
Some of the sites from https://avalanche.org	
Colorado	http://avalanche.state.co.us/
Utah	https://utahavalanchecenter.org
Tetons	http://jhavalanche.org
Yellowstone	https://www.mtavalanche.com
Sawtooths	https://www.sawtoothavalanche.com
Central Sierra	https://www.sierraavalanchecenter.org
Eastern Sierra	http://www.esavalanche.org

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