



May 15, 2015

Dear Division Directors,

As we believe you are aware, the NSP staff has been discussing with the Education Committee and others the possibility of reducing the number of online learning hosting sites through which we presently offer courses. At this point, we are ready to move forward with a decision to discontinue our relationship with eMETA, which currently hosts the Avalanche Awareness and Instructor Development courses. Part of the rationale for this is the ongoing development of other courses, including OEC Refresher B, in the Digitec learning management system and the ability of Digitec to integrate with the iMIS database.

Sheila has communicated with Mike Laney, Avalanche NPD, and Doug Ginley, ID NPD, and both are supportive of this decision. She will work with eMETA to gather the files associated with the online courses currently hosted there so these courses may be rebuilt in the Digitec platform. Mike and Doug will share information about this decision with the Division Supervisors in their programs who will share it with Instructors.

Our target date for ending this relationship is May 31, at which point these two courses will be unavailable for new registrations, at least for the time being until they can be built in another platform. We will allow current registrants to complete the Instructor Development course by June 30. We will communicate these timelines with current course registrants. Will you please assist us in communicating this information with Region and Patrol Directors in your Divisions?

Please let either of us know if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Regards,

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