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MOUNTAIN RESCUE ASSOCIATION
Colorado-Wyoming Region

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Mr. Ray Neal, Secretary-Treasurer
Mountain Rescue Association, Inc.
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Tucson, Arizona

Dear Ray:

My apologies for the delay in writing you this letter. The past few weeks have been a little hectic for me.

First of importance, the Alpine Rescue Team of Evergreen, and the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group met January 13 and officially activated the Colorado-Wyoming Region of MRA. Our other member, the Leadership School of Ft. Carson is very busy now with an accelerated training program and the Viet Nam situation will have to cool a lot before they can once again think about civil mountain rescue. However, as soon as possible we will involve them in our Regional planning.

We haven't elected regional officers, established a regional mailing address, or otherwise set up the structure yet. Please send me information as to how a Region functions. And perhaps we can correspond with an active Region and borrow some ideas. Which Region do you suggest?

Please send the Alpine Rescue Team (Box 934, Evergreen, Colorado) and the RMR a complete and up-to-date set of MRA by-laws, constitution, amendments, and policy decisions; and add us to the mailing list to receive them as they are changed or amended.

The ART and the RMR will sponsor the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol of Littleton, Colorado, for Associate Membership in MRA. (Incidentally I asked Stan Bush to apply.)

If there is any information (beyond what was in the MRA Newsletter) defining an MRA Associate Member please send it to me.

In April of 1965 I went to Aspen to help start a mountain rescue team there. Since then the ART and RMR have been in contact with Fred Braun, and as soon as they qualify we will propose them for membership in the NRA.

The Rocky Mountain National Park is interested in joining the NRA. Please send your NRA information packet to:

Jerry Phillips, Ranger
In Charge of Rescue
Rocky Mountain National Park
Estes Park, Colorado.

Have you heard anything from the defunct Wyoming Mountain Rescue Group at Laramie, or from John Thomas? We will attempt to find out if any other mountain rescue organizations are functioning in Wyoming. Have heard that Jack Moorhead is now at Teton. This is another National Park that is a potential member of NRA. We will check on it.

Please send the RMR a complete set (6) of the AAC-NRA articles on forming a rescue unit.

The RMR uses ropes of greater length than 200 ft. Our Equipment Manager has just completed color-coding all but our 300's. What color should be used?

The Colorado Outward Bound School has as its purpose giving young men (18-22) a stimulating and physically challenging 27 day program. The boys don't necessarily enjoy the rigorous time but they leave with a deep sense of accomplishment and for many this School gives them an introduction into manhood. A high percent of their activities involve mountaineering.

The Colorado Outward Bound School functions only the three summer months of the year and when a mountain accident occurs in the early part of one of their three cycles, a staff of about 12 (not necessarily mtn rescue skilled) would be all they could field.

At their invitation this past summer I went over there to help with two mountain accident investigations. One involved an injured student and the other a staff member fatality. The best to be hoped for is that they will be able to take care of their own and have the sense to ask for competent help on difficult rescues. If you met Joe Mold, their Director, you have met one of their problems.

The Undersheriff of Adams County tells me that Jane Sorensen was formerly Treasurer of the Sankey Search and Rescue of Westminster, Colorado. Due to a dispute over funds about six months ago a splinter unit broke off from

Sankey and formed (the already defunct) United Search and Rescue. We have seen the Sankey organization in operation several times and note that it has no mountaineering members; therefore no mountain rescue capability.

I am forwarding Howard Fishack letter to Al Lambert, President of the Alpine Rescue Team, and asking him to return it to you. At their invitation Al tried to help the Sankey unit but it is difficult to help an organization that knows it all after a year and a half. Stan Bush had a similar unfortunate meeting with Howard.

Lewis Dahn, Chairman, and Gordon Stucker, Vice-Chairman of the Cable Rescue Committee report that the hand-operated Mark I winch will be tested next month. This Committee is moving faster now. It is very encouraging.

Best regards,



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: Dave Lewis, President, NMR