



# Northwest Avalanche Center

Call for Submissions

Northwest Snow and Avalanche Workshop - NSAW



Join the Northwest Avalanche Center in the fourteenth annual Northwest Snow and Avalanche Workshop (NSAW). NSAW is the region's largest gathering of snow and avalanche professionals and backcountry recreationists who work and travel in avalanche terrain. Attendees include avalanche forecasters, ski patrollers, mountain guides, snow scientists, highway avalanche crews, search and rescue personnel, ski industry manufacturers and retailers, backcountry skiers and snowboarders, snowshoers, and snowmobilers.

## When and Where

Live streaming the evenings of October 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Details

NWAC is welcoming ideas for talks on recent scientific research, technical innovations, avalanche safety, and mountain experience. Based on attendee feedback, we are seeking submissions in the following specific categories: research presentations (snow, weather, avalanche, ecology, interdisciplinary), local/regional topics, inspirational topics, topics pertaining to risk mitigation for recreationists, and practitioner specific topics (control work, operations management). Our preferred speakers have extensive first-hand experience with their chosen topic and are comfortable speaking in front of large crowds.

NWAC is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive NSAW. We strongly encourage *women, people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals and gender non-conforming candidates to submit proposals*. NWAC is actively working to create more avenues for BIPOC, women, and LGBTQ+ communities to speak in the outdoor space and have opportunities to add their lived experiences to the organization's voice. Through long-term initiatives, NWAC will continue working towards systemic change in the outdoor industry to ensure greater equity and inclusivity. We believe the voices of NWAC need to reflect the diversity of all our communities.

If you are interested in presenting, please submit a proposal via the form: <https://forms.gle/iRzQTXgWg7fLlTZe7>

## Please keep in mind:

- Talks can be geared towards professionals or advanced recreationalists—it is appropriate for your talk to specifically address one of these audiences or both.
- In a survey of NSAW 2020 attendees, 23% were paid professionals, 77% were recreationists, and 61% volunteered in the snow/avalanche industry (SAR, ski instructors, ski patrol, climbing organizations).
- We are looking for speakers who can convey ideas with clarity and concision. Lengths of feature talks may vary; the average length of an NSAW talk is 15-35 minutes including questions.
- Speaker compensation may be available depending on.

### Submit Proposals Here:

<https://forms.gle/4SMYfhafXDY2gFBy6>

### Submission Deadline

August 15, 2021

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