

# Nordic ski patrol eager to educate

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Once snow touches ground on backcountry roads in the Eldorado National Forest, the snow patrol begins its rounds.

Volunteers in the El Dorado Nordic Ski Patrol make loops or trails for snowshoers and skiers.

The patrol members ski on open areas near Crystal Basin, Loon Lake, Echo Summit and Carson Pass — taking in views of the frozen lake, ice-covered trees, canyons and mountains.

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