



Far West Ski Association with **Telluride Ski Resort** and **Mountain Lodge Telluride**

presents the **Safety Person of the Year Award** to

Emilio Trampuz
Northwest Ski Club Council

The winner of this year's safety person of the year award is **Emilio Trampuz**, Mountain High Ski Club, Northwest Ski Club Council.

For decades, skiers and snowboarders have ventured into some very interesting and alluring terrain just west of the Timberline ski area on Mt. Hood, and almost every year, someone goes a bit too far and gets lost in the forest. Part of the problem is that the fall line (which is what most skiers follow) goes in a direction away from the ski area and away from the town of Government Camp. Once lost, it takes many hours of pushing through deep snow to get back to civilization.

Emilio worked with the Forest Service and got permission to put up safety signs in the area. Emilio identified two safety boundaries. The Yellow boundary is a skier's last chance to return to the ski lifts. About a mile lower down on the mountain is the Red boundary, which is the last chance to return to the town of Government Camp. Emilio made yellow and red signs and posted them on trees marking the two boundaries. As a result, skiing west of Timberline is now much safer and there is less likelihood of getting lost.

Emilio also leads guided tours of the area to point out the dangers, to show how to ski it safely, and to raise awareness of the safety markers, so people would know what to look for in the forest. He has written articles about skiing on Mt. Hood and developed a presentation that includes many photographs and maps that identify the trails and the safety issues.

The Safety Award is presented to the person within FWSA who does the most to promote safe skiing and safety programs. The winner is awarded five days of skiing in Telluride with lodging at Mountain Lodge Telluride, lift tickets and rentals for two persons.