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National Ski Patrol partners with High Fives Foundation

The National Ski Patrol (NSP) and the High Fives Foundation are excited to announce their partnership to promote snow sports safety awareness and outreach.

"The National Ski Patrol, which is the premier snow sports safety organization, and High Fives Foundation, an organization founded in 2009 to help athletes recover from a life-altering injury and return to the sport they love, have a natural synergy," said NSP Managing Director Darcy Hanley. "NSP patrollers work on the slopes to help guests enjoy the sport safely, and High Fives is expanding its outreach to encompass not only recovery, but prevention."

The NSP National Safety Team is spearheading a variety of safety initiatives across the country that encompass slope safety, terrain park safety, helmet safety, and other initiatives that will align with High Five Foundation's mission of injury prevention.

"We are excited to use the National Ski Patrol and its Safety Team to help raise awareness and prevent the sorts of injuries that our foundation was created to address," said High Fives Foundation Executive Director Roy Tuscany. "With the assistance of NSP patrollers, we expect to broaden our public outreach efforts and raise awareness about helmet safety and slope safety."

The NSP and High Fives Foundation will be working during the 2013/2014 ski season on a collaborative effort to improve slope safety.

About the National Ski Patrol

The National Ski Patrol is a federally chartered nonprofit membership association dedicated to serving the public and the mountain recreation industry. For 75 years, the NSP has been at the forefront of safety and emergency care education programs. The association's 28,000 members represent 98 percent of the nation's patrollers. For more information, access www.nsp.org.

For further comments or interviews regarding the NSP, please call NSP Communications Director Candace Horgan at (303) 988-1111, x2625.

About the High Fives Foundation

High Fives Foundation is a Tahoe-based 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money and awareness for athletes who have suffered a life-altering injury while pursuing their dream in the winter action sports community. Formed as a way to "pay-it-forward" by the

founder from his own recovery to help injured athletes, the Foundation has helped 49 athletes to date since its inception in 2009. For more information or interviews regarding the High Fives Foundation, please visit www.highfivesfoundation.org.