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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Laurel Highlands Nordic Ski Patrol Announces Its New Name**

The Laurel Highlands Nordic Ski Patrol, formerly the Hidden Valley Nordic Ski Patrol, is pleased to announce its new name.

The LHNSP retains its patrol number (E122), and will continue to serve skiers in portions of Pennsylvania's scenic Forbes State Forest and Laurel Hill State Park Complex. Together these areas offer dozens of miles of trails in what is regarded as some of the finest cross country skiing terrain in this part of the country. The Hidden Valley Resort has announced that it no longer allows cross country skiing on its property.

From the patrol's inception in the mid-1980's, it remained under the direction of M. David Shaeffer (National Appointment 7156) for over twenty years. Dave has over 40 years of patrolling experience, and remains active as an alumni member. The LHNSP is currently directed by Jerry Timcik (National Appointment 9666) who, with over 30 years of patrol experience, is also the Nordic Advisor and MTR Advisor for the Western Appalachian Region of the National Ski Patrol.

The LHNSP is delighted to have the opportunity to now coordinate even more closely with the management of the state lands on which it serves, and the patrol is grateful to those organizations for their continued and enthusiastic support.

The LHNSP will base its operations from the ranger's office of Kooser State Park. Our members invite you to come ski with us this winter as we begin this exciting new chapter of our work together.

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