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Local Non Profit Champions National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Sacramento- To recognize the contributions of Americans with disabilities and to encourage all citizens to ensure equal opportunity in the workforce, Congress has designated October of each year as "National Disability Employment Awareness Month." Disabled Sports USA Far West proudly stands behind this cause and for nearly 40 years has led the way in providing career opportunities for people with disabilities as well as affordable, inclusive therapeutic recreation programs that improve individuals self image, self confidence, self worth and self sufficiency.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau in 2005 the employment rate of working aged people with disabilities was 38.1% compared to 78.4% of able-bodied people. "Not only have we employed people with disabilities at every level in our organization," said Doug Pringle, a disabled Vietnam veteran and President of Disabled Sports, "but we have created whole fields of employment including professional ski instructors. An active body leads to a healthy mind, and our programs function as a catalyst in the private and professional lives of our participants. Ask them and they will tell you, if I can do this, I can do anything!"

Disabled Sports USA Far West is a leading national nonprofit, which provides sports and recreation programs as a vehicle in the development of a positive self-image and an achieving attitude for people with disabilities. It is the nations largest multi-sport, multi-disability organization and is one of 87 chapters of Disabled Sports USA.

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