

MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

The ability to think critically and make smart decisions can be the difference between spending the season doing the things you like or spending it rehabbing an injury. Some points to ponder:

STOP

Don't just rush into a task. If the job falls outside the bounds of your normal job duties, make sure you're clear about the end result and how to get there. If you're about to do something that is in your normal routine, consider whether there are any factors that might change your approach - weather, guest traffic, internal or external pressures, distractions in your personal life, etc.

THINK

Do you have a plan? What about a Plan B or Plan C? Do you have the right tools? Do you need additional help to do the job safely? Have you raised any concerns to your supervisor, and have those concerns been addressed? Listen to your gut - is this the right time and are you the right person?

OPTIONS

Ask yourself: if things don't go right, what is the potential consequence? Is it minor? Life-altering? Somewhere in between? What is the likelihood something could go wrong and result in a negative consequence? Now is not the time to confuse *confidence* with *competence*! Be honest as you evaluate your ability in terms of the job to be done.

POWER

REMEMBER: if something's not right, you have the power to call a "timeout" and start the discussion over. Don't ever feel that you have to "power through it" or "figure it out" - that kind of thinking is a sure sign that you're on the wrong side of the consequence / likelihood line. Your safety comes first, so don't put yourself - or your teammates - in a bad situation.

NOTE: The above considerations and questions are NOT intended to be exhaustive - they will hopefully generate thought and conversation for you and your team. What makes sense for your operation?