

2025 Mt Hood Forest 2-Day Day 1 - Skyline Sno-Park

Bulletin 1



Overview

This bulletin provides information for Day 1 of the 2025 Mt Hood Forest 2-Day orienteering event series. This first day of competition at Skyline Sno-Park is hosted by Mt Hood Orienteering on Sunday, August 31, 2025. This bulletin also provides information on the pre-event activities scheduled for Saturday, August 30, 2025. For information on the Day 2 competition at the Billy Bob Sno-Park, see the Columbia River Orienteering Club event website at <https://croc.org/events/2025/8/30/mt-hood-forest-2day>.

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Pre Event Activities

Before the competition events begin you can get a feel for each venue and how it is mapped by doing its model course. Afterwards, you can kick back with others at the no-host social at a nearby ski resort.

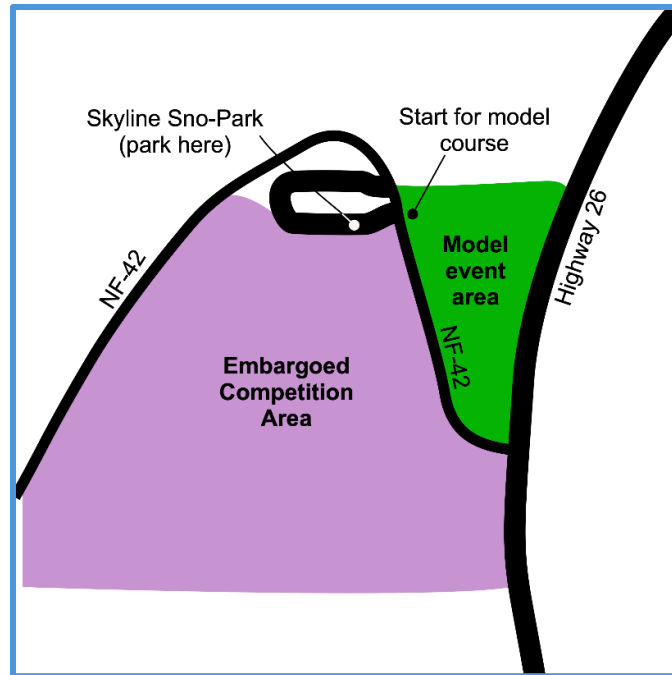
Model Event Courses (Saturday)

The model event courses are adjacent to the respective event venue sites during daylight hours from at least Saturday August 30 through Sunday August 31. For each set of model-event courses you need to print your own maps from the host club's website using 8.5" x 11" paper.

- **For the Skyline Sno-Park model course**, park in the Skyline Sno-Park, walk to the southeastern end of the parking area, cross the National Forest Road 42 (NF-42) and look for a model course sign. From there, explore the small, mapped area to see what the forest looks like for this venue and how various features are mapped.

This venue has two pit toilets and three portable toilets. There is cell phone service in this area but NO potable water before the event day (bring your own water).

NOTE: Stay out of the event embargoed area, which is the area south of the Skyline venue.



- **For the Billy Bob Sno-Park model course**, park in the Billy Bob Sno-Park, and then follow the directions to the model event courses provided by the Columbia River Orienteering Club.

This venue has a pit toilet and some portable toilets. There is no cell phone service in this area and NO potable water until the event day (bring your own water).

NOTE: Stay out of the event embargoed area as directed by Columbia River Orienteering Club.

No-Host Social (Saturday 2:30 – 5:00 PM)

The pre-event no-host social is at the Mt Hood Meadows ski resort, located 8 miles NE of the Highway 26/35 junction (10 minutes from Government camp and 35 minutes from Hood River). This event features an open-air deck with nearby food service and music by Kerry Williams between 2:30 and 5:00 PM. The food service closes at 5:30 PM. The views and outdoor games (cornhole, ladder toss, and jenga) remain available until sundown.

Embargoes

The area south of Skyline Sno-Park is embargoed until the Day 1 competition ends on August 31. You can visit the model event area that is located east of the Skyline venue between NF-42 and Highway 26 beginning Saturday August 30 to get an idea of what this venue is like.

Most of the area around the Billy Bob Sno-Park is embargoed until the Day 2 competition ends on September 1, but there is an area that you can visit near the Billy Bob venue for a model event. For more information, see the Day 2 Bulletin or www.croc.org/events/2025/8/30/mt-hood-forest-2day.

Day 1 – Skyline Sno-Park

The day 1 (Sunday August 31) competition at Skyline SnoPark is a classic-distance point-to-point competition located 15 minutes south of Government Camp and 55 minutes south of Hood River. Start times are preassigned beginning at 11 AM to make it easier for competitors who are driving in from further distances.

This venue is mostly forested, with only three trails (all of which are vehicle tracks). As is typical in the national forest, there will be few, if any, people in the area, but you might encounter a camper or two. We have created our own temporary trails using orange pin flags and an occasional lineup of logs for the white, yellow, and orange courses. The other courses occasionally cross the vehicle tracks but otherwise do not include any trails.

The start and finish are next to the parking area. The start chute includes Check-in, Clear & Check, Control Descriptions, and Map Pickup. The callup time is set for 5 minutes prior to your start time. Be sure that you have your registered epunch SI card (AKA finger stick), compass, and whistle before you check in. We will confirm that your SI card number at the check in is what is indicated in your registration. If necessary we can easily update the number in our system. If you rented an SI card, it will be issued to you at the check in. You may also borrow a compass if one is needed and we'll have a few whistles available, as well.



The following table lists the competitive and open classes competing on each course.

Course	Participant Classes	Prelim Dist, Climb Map scale	Description
White	Competitive: F-10, F-12, M-10, M-12 Open: M/F White (any gender and age— typically beginners)	2.3 km, 55 m 1:7500 scale	Very easy. Typically routed on trails or temporary trails. For the temporary trails, follow the orange pin flags through the woods.
Yellow	Competitive: F-14, M-14 Open: F-Yellow, M-Yellow (any age, typically novices)	2.0 km, 55 m 1:7500 scale	Easy. Follows trails or other handrails (creeks, walls, vegetation boundaries), often with unguided decisions to be made at the handrail junctions. For this event, some trails are marked with orange pin flags.

			Controls might be off trail but probably within sight.
Orange	Competitive: F-16, M-16 Open: F Orange, M Orange (any age, typically intermediates)	3.0 km, 80 m 1:7500 scale	Short off-trail navigation using map and compass. Controls are often placed behind their mapped features.
Brown	Competitive: F-18, F55+, F60+, F65+, F70+, F75+, F80+, F85+, F90+ M65+, M70+, M75+, M80+, M85+, M90+ Open: F Brown, M Brown (any age, advanced only)	3.8 km, 115 m 1:7500 scale	Short advanced course tailored for older orienteers and intermediate orienteers starting to do advanced courses. Expect anything off trail but the ruggedness is minimized.
Green	Competitive: F-20, F35+, F40+, F45+, F50+ M-18, M50+, M55+, M60+ Open: F Green, M Green (any age, advanced only)	4.3 km, 160 m 1:10000 scale	Medium advanced course. Expect anything off trail in a mostly forested environment.
Red	Competitive: F-21+ M-20, M35+, M40+, M45+ Open: M Red (males any age, advanced only)	5.7 km, 175 m 1:10000 scale	Long advanced course tailored for elite females and anyone else trying to match them. Expect anything off trail in a mostly forested environment.
Blue	Competitive: M-21+	7.4 km, 250 m 1:10000 scale	Very long advanced course tailored for elite males and anyone else trying to match them. Expect anything off trail in a mostly forested environment.
Orange Recreational	Recreational: Any gender and age for orienteers who need to stay on or near trails at all times.	3.4 km, 95 m 1:7500 scale	Intermediate course using trails, designed for anyone with a physical limitation that limits them to using trails. This is not a national ranking course.

Note: This event is for individual competition only (no teams or groups because they can unfairly influence people going for national ranking). Competitive teens and tweens can participate in classes for older teens or tweens. Competitive adults can participate in classes for younger adults. Females can participate in male classes.

Day 1 Mapping Notes

The map for the Day 1 event at Skyline Sno-Park follows general orienteering standards for mapping forested areas, with the following special notes:

- Fallen trees are mapped as follows:
 - Significant stumps, rootstalks, and snags are all represented by a green 'X'. Typically, these are at least 1.5 meters in size or at least large enough to easily position a control out of sight until you reach that feature.

- Fallen trees, with significant rootstalks and obstructive trunks that are difficult or impossible to get around are represented by a green 'T' with the stem of the 'T' showing where the tree trunk is difficult to get across.
- Fallen tree trunks that are difficult or impossible to cross (but without root stalks) are represented by green lines.
- Dead fall zones with many trees piled on top of one another are represented by green hash lines for undergrowth vegetation areas OR dark green for impassable areas, depending on how difficult those zones are to get through.
 - Areas with widely spaced hash lines will slow your running speed.
 - Areas with narrowly spaced green hash lines are quite difficult to get through and best avoided.
 - Areas with dark green are nearly impossible to get through.
- Knolls are often piles of dirt at least one meter high and very often built up around the base of trees or rootstalks. If they are around root stalks, the dirt mound is more noticeable than the old and decayed root stalks that they are built up around.
- Often, when a tree has fallen with root stalks exposed, there is also a deep pit where the tree roots used to exist. If the pit is more significant than the tree roots, then the map will show a pit or depression where the tree used to exist. If you are looking for a pit in the forest, it might help to look for a nearby root stalk or knoll.
- Collections of nearby stumps, root stalks, and knolls that are too close to be shown individually on the map are shown as single stumps/root stalk (a green 'X') or knolls (brown dots). If there is a control at one of these locations, your control description will indicate which of these features has the control (for example, NE knoll).
- Pin-flag trails were created to provide trails for the white, yellow, and orange courses as this forested venue does not have enough trails. Typically, there will be a control where a temporary trail intersects with one of the three vehicle tracks at this venue. From that control, follow the closely spaced orange pin flags through the woods to find controls on the route (white course) or near the route (yellow and orange courses). You should be able to easily see multiple pin flags on the route; use them as a guide as if you were following a trail. In many cases, there are branches and logs lined up along the side of the route. These trails are shown with magenta dashed lines on the white, yellow, and orange maps (these routes are not shown on the brown, green, red, and blue maps).

- ✕ Stump, snag, or rootstock (typically over 1.5 meters high or wide)
- ✓ Uprooted tree with obstructive trunk (stem shows obstructive portion)
- ✗ Fallen obstructive tree trunk without roots
- ||| Slow undergrowth vegetation or dead fall zone (slow running speed at best)
- |||| Very slow undergrowth vegetation or tree dead fall zone (walking speed at best)
- Impassable vegetation or tree dead fall zone
- Knoll that is at least 1 meter high (possibly an old decaying rootstock mostly covered with soil). This might be a mound with a tree growing out of it.
- ∨ Pit--often the hole left when a tree is uprooted.

Day 1 Post Event Social

MTHD events are always followed by a post-event social where participants can relax while comparing courses and enjoying refreshments. For this event, there will be plenty of shaded areas and a shelter with benches to keep cool. This is also the time for the kidd-o courses that will be set up in the play area in the center of the parking lot . There is no additional charge to registered participants for the social, refreshments, and kidd-o courses.



Directions to Day 1 (Skyline Sno Park)



Driving directions from Portland, OR: Drive east/south on highway 26 about 1 hour to Government Camp. Continue on highway 26 for a couple of miles to the junction of highway 26 and 35. Continue on highway 26 for nine miles to the Skyline Sno-Park/Timothy Lake turnoff for NF-42 road. Turn right onto NF-42 and go about ½ mile to Skyline Sno-Park on the left.

If you are coming from California or Seattle, it is probably fastest to go through Portland. California drivers can alternatively take highway 97 through Bend, OR. Seattle drivers staying in Hood River can follow the directions from Hood River below.

Driving directions from Hood River, OR: Drive about 40 minutes south on highway 35 to the junction with highway 26 (south of Mt Hood). Merge onto highway 26 and drive 8.8 miles to the Skyline Sno-Park/Timothy Lake/NF-42 exit. Turn right onto NF-42 and go ½ mile to Skyline Sno-Park. These directions are the fastest for drivers coming from Spokane, Idaho, and Montana.

Driving directions from Bend, OR: Drive north on highway 97 to the Skyline Sno-Park/Timothy Lake/NF-42 exit, which is located a couple of miles past the Warm Springs Reservation and 9 miles south of highway 35 and Mt Hood.

The Parking area is located at 45.174710 -121.67894.

Timing and Results

Both events are using SportIdent electronic punching with standard and SI-Air proximity punching. You need an SI Card (AKA “finger stick”) in order to participate on a course. If you do not already have an SI card, you can rent one for \$5 per day.

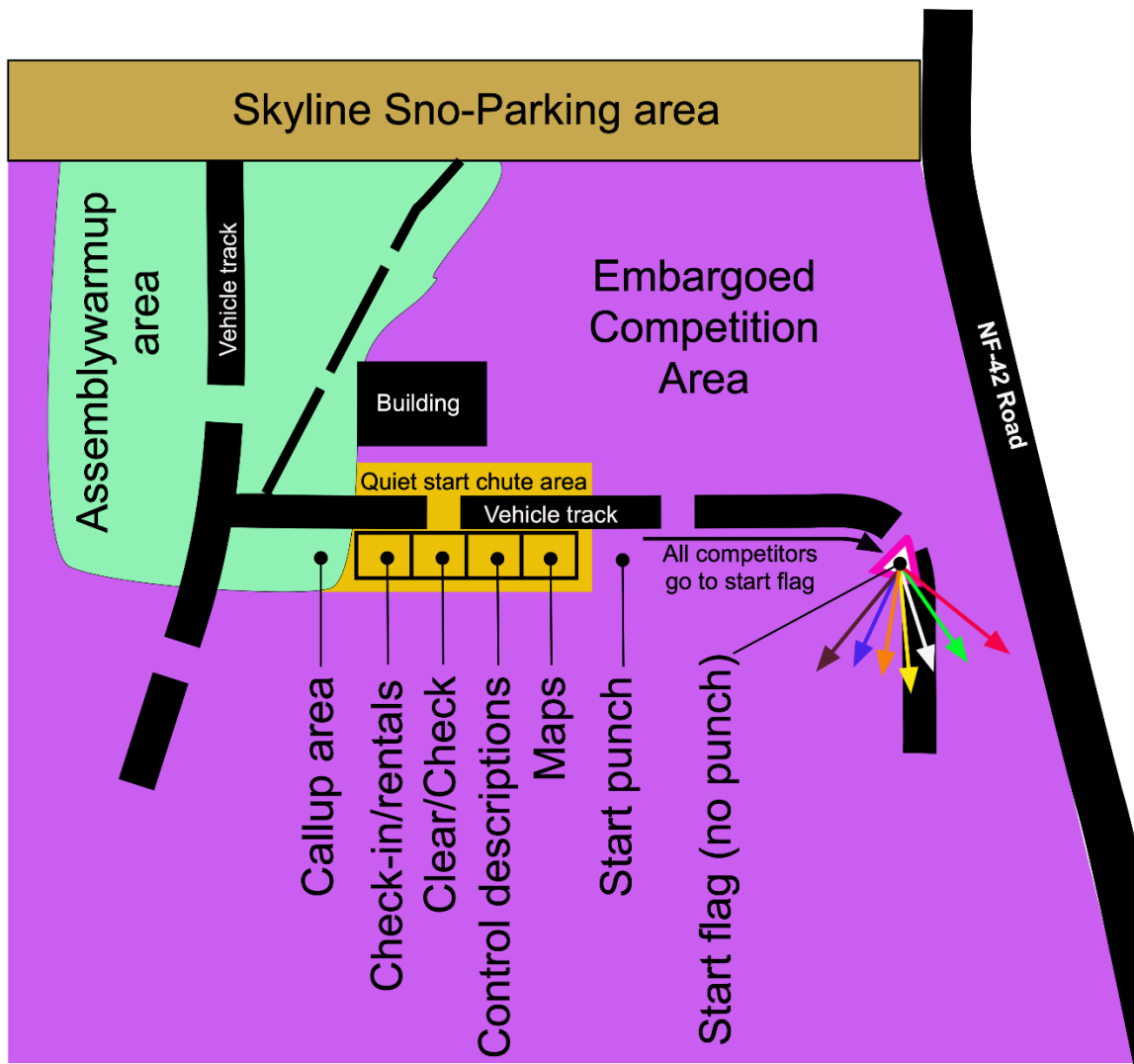
We plan to display Day 1 results at the event. You will also be able to see them from the event website within 24 hours of the Day 1 event.

We encourage everybody to upload the GPS tracks for their courses on LiveLox after 4 PM on the event day. LiveLox enables participants and their friends to see how you and others did on their courses (a great training tool for orienteers).

Starts and Finishes

We will be using a four-station start chute to process all competitors before they start their courses on Day 1:

- **6+ minutes before start time:** You’ll arrive in the Start assembly area. This area includes water for drinking and a small area for warming up in the woods. Restrooms are located about 3 minutes walking distance from the start assembly area.
- **5 minutes before your start time:** You’ll be called up to the starts chute before your start time.
- **4 minutes before your start time:** You will enter the Check-in box at the beginning of the start chute to verify your name, class/course, and SI card number. If you need to rent an SI card rentals or borrow a compass, you can pick those up here. You must also show that you have a whistle (we have extra whistles for competitors who don’t have one). Please refrain from conversation after you enter the start chute (quietly asking questions of the volunteer at any start chute station is allowed).
- **3 minutes before your start time:** You move into the Clear & Check box to clear your SI cards. If you are using an SI-Air card, you can also use the SI-Air punch instead of the check punch to verify that your card is ready to use.
- **2 minutes before your start time:** You move into the Control Description box of the start chute and can pick up the control description sheet for your course.
- **1 minute before your start time:** You move into the Map Pickup box and pick up your course map without looking at it. You may ask the volunteer there if you have the correct map for your course. Please print your name on a blank spot on your map so that you can easily find it later after you finish your course (we will collect maps for competitors who finish before our last start occurs).
- **Start time:** Once you punch the Start e-punch unit you can look at your map. You will proceed down the road about 100 meters to the start flag and then may start navigating to your first control.



If you are late for your start time, we will try to insert you in between other runners, but you may need to wait until the end of the starts if this isn't possible.

The finishes have a red-pin-flagged route from your last control to the finish chute, which will lead you at least 50 meters to the finish punch. There is a short downhill area after the finish control in case you overshoot the finish. If you finish before Starts are completed, you will be required to deposit your map in a bin. You can pick up your map after all competitors have started. Before you leave the Finish area, you must download your e-punch data at the Results station, even if you do not finish your course. Keeping track of all competitors is a safety requirement. If all competitors are not accounted for we have to consider the possibility of the missing person being lost and/or injured and will organize a search party to find them.

Start Times

The start times are listed on the following page. They are also included on the registration list at:

<https://eventreg.orienteingusa.org/eventregister/reglist/home/skyline>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
Martin Allen	11:08
Sylvia Allen	11:02
Thomas Allen	
Nicholas Appelmans	12:32
Hugh Baldwin	11:17
Elizabeth Barrett	12:12
John Barrett	12:17
Joseph Barrett	12:13
Natalia Beketova	11:22
Eric Bone	12:05
Arlo Boyles	
Danielle Boyles	11:16
Steven Boyles	11:12
Wilder Boyles	
Eileen Breseman	12:09
Rick Breseman	12:07
Rebecca Bruns	11:15
Ross Burnett	12:01
Glen Cafferty	12:10
Jennifer Castelluccio	12:05
Mark Castelluccio	12:04
Shannon Cheng	11:13
Mike Chin	11:39
Jessica Colleran	11:50
Mitch Collinsworth	11:57
Nathan Collinsworth	12:01
Benjamin Conley	12:09
Jennifer Conley	12:08
Ben Cooper	11:46
Chris Cooper	11:45
Alison Crocker	
John Crowther	11:05
Kate deBlonk	11:56
Karin Didisse	11:03
Anthony Donahue	11:01
Ardis Dull	11:29
Owen Dunn	11:06
Brian Durrell	12:03
David Enger	11:55
Will Enger	11:57
Rob Field	11:42
Josh Fike	11:13
Bjorn Freeman-Benson	12:16
Harvey Goldstein	11:59
Patrick Gottsacker	11:24
Boris Granovskiy	11:18
Peter Graube	11:08
John Harbuck	11:09
William Hernandez	11:40
Evan Holliday	11:25
Marsha Holliday	11:19
Michael Holliday	11:17
Monica Holliday	11:14
Agnes Howes	11:42
Sophie Howes	12:00
Ian Inman	11:53
Eric Jones	11:33
Evgeny Kachanovsky	12:02
Resa Kee	11:04
Patrick Kelly	11:51

<u>Name</u>	<u>Start Time</u>
Lucas Khaburzaniya	11:20
Yason Khaburzaniya	11:20
Ken Knapp	11:38
Aerin Ko	11:22
Zoe Ko	11:24
Sue Kuestner	11:05
Irma Lagomarsino	12:30
Francois Leonard	11:48
Greta Leonard	11:52
Sam Loftus	11:30
Cristina Luis	11:40
Karen Martino	11:04
Richard McBee	11:21
Bruce Metz	11:33
Valerie Metz	11:34
Peter Meyer	11:53
Vicki Morrella	11:35
Karen Murphy	11:23
Alexander Myachin	11:12
Jackie Myung	11:26
Daniel Newton	11:31
Ethan O'Connor	11:10
Nazli Ozkoca	11:16
Marie-Josée Parayre	11:44
Stephen Pepe	11:54
Evgenii Podkorytov	11:34
Georgii Podkorytov	11:36
Ekaterina Podkorytova	11:38
Olga Podkorytova	11:37
Maksim Popov	11:49
Henry Porter	11:21
Jasper Ralinovsky	11:45
Kostiantyn Riabchuk	12:21
David Rogers	12:29
Mathew Rogers	11:37
Kevin Rutherford	11:28
Mark Sandifer	11:11
Regan Sarwas	11:02
Del Scharffenberg	11:10
Erik Scharffenberg	11:06
Samuel Schiess	12:25
Katherine Schubert-Knapp	11:32
Recinda Sherman	11:07
Daniel Simon	11:41
Arne Skog	11:41
Alison Stone	11:58
Collin Thompson	11:09
Stephen Tischler	11:47
Susan Tischler	11:49
Daria Titkina	12:06
Ing Uhlin	11:43
Jacob Van Baalen	11:32
Charlie Wagner	11:26
Aron Walker	11:30
Sarah Weeks	11:28
Kenneth Wenzel	12:31
Charles Whitaker	11:29
Christian Whitmyre	11:25
Kean Williams	11:27
Amy Winston	11:01
Rex Winterbottom	11:36

Lodging/Camping

- Government Camp lodges (15 min from Skyline and 40 min from Billy Bob)
 - [**Best Western**](#) (lodging for many of the organizers)
 - [**Timberline Lodge**](#) (very expensive)
 - [**The Lodge at Government Camp**](#)
 - [**Collins Lake Resort**](#)
 - [**Thunderhead Lodge**](#)
 - [**Mazama Lodge**](#)
 - [**Summit Meadow Cabins**](#)
- Welches/Mt Hood Village lodges (30 min from Skyline and 55 min from Billy Bob)
 - [**Whispering Woods Resort**](#)
 - [**Cabins Creekside at Welches**](#)
 - [**Mt Hood Oregon Resort**](#)
 - [**Mt Air Motel**](#)
- Hood River (55 min from Skyline and 45 min from Billy Bob)
 - Search for lodgings available in Hood River
- Cabin rental websites (Government Camp, Parkdale, Welches, and Mt Hood Village areas)
 - [**Airbnb.com**](#)
 - [**Expedia.com**](#)
 - [**Booking.com**](#)
 - [**Hometogo.com**](#)
 - [**Priceline.com**](#)
- Camping can also be found in the towns of Sandy, Hood River, and Mosier:
 - [**Pine Point \(Timothy Lake\)**](#)
 - [**North Arm \(Timothy Lake\)**](#)
 - [**Clackamas Lake**](#)
 - [**Clear Lake**](#)
 - [**Frog Lake**](#)

Eateries

Government Camp has about five eateries, one of which is open until midnight. Welches/Mt Hood Village has about ten eateries, most of which close at about 9 PM. Hood River has the most variety of eateries.

Potential Environmental Hazards and Mitigations

Wildfires and Wildfire Smoke

The director will be monitoring local fire-prevention and fire-response agencies to assess potential risks. In the unlikely event of a wildfire that causes an evacuation alert, we will sound an air horn to bring all participants back to the event center so that they can get out of the area. Evacuation will most likely be through Highway 26, which is located ½ mile to the east of the event center.

In the event of there being excessive smoke from a distant wildfire, we will determine whether it is safe to continue with the event or postpone it to a later time that day (or another day).

Heat

Excessive heat is rare at 3500 feet, but it can occur. Currently, the forecast shows late afternoon temperatures in the high 70s or 80s. If temperatures rise above 90 F (32 C), the course setters will increase the amount of water on the course accordingly.

Storms

There are currently no storms forecasted for the date of the event, but the director will be monitoring the weather services for changes in the forecast. If necessary, decisions can be made to reschedule the event to avoid dangerous weather.

Wildlife

Dangerous encounters with animals are not expected in the competition area because it is not remote enough to host large animals during the summer season. However, be aware that bear or cougar encounters are possible, though unlikely. Wasps are also a possibility in August and early September, though also unlikely.

Day One Organizers:

- Registrar: Kathleen Kerns
- Director: Jay Hennigan
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