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West Yellowstone Super Tour Re-Instated

Dear Skiers,

After much deliberation, alternate planning, checking and re-checking weather forecasts, and some more deliberation, the West Yellowstone Organizing Committee, Coaches, and US Ski & Snowboard officials, the decision has been made to hold the Super Tour openers in West Yellowstone.

As it stands now, the snow in the stadium and on the homologated courses will allow for the Freestyle Sprint to occur as planned.

On Saturday, December 2, the powers that be and the powers that ski will meet to decide on one of the following options for the race scheduled for Sunday, December 3:

- A. Classic Distance Mass Start Super Tour
 - a. We need 10 cm of natural snow to make this happen plus some help spot shoveling
- B. Classic Distance Interval Start on homologated trails and with the Super Tour designation
 - a. We need 6-7 cm of snow to make this happen plus some spot shoveling
- C. Classic Distance Interval Start on Dead Dog Super Tour
 - a. We need 4-5cm of snow to make this happen
- D. Skate Distance Interval Start NOT A Super Tour, NRL with prize money
 - a. If we do this the Super Tour will move to Silver Star on Friday Dec 8th or Monday Dec 11th with the preference being on the 8th

The following schedule remains in place for the next weekend in Canada

Dec 8 IF there was not a classic Distance Super Tour in West, CLASSIC Distance Mass Start Super Tour (Back up on Monday the 11th)

Dec 9 Classic Sprint at Sovereign Lake as scheduled

Dec 10 Skate Distance at Sovereign Lake as scheduled

Dec 11 Back up for the Dec 8th race if needed.

The West Yellowstone OC will meet tomorrow morning to begin the process of scouting for snow to harvest. An announcement will be made about a meeting time and plan of attack.

An agreement has been made to keep the race courses closed to preserve the snow as much as possible. Please respect this closure and keep off the course. We will do our best to get as many kilometers groomed as we can and will attempt to groom more on the Plateau Road. Keep your eyes on the daily grooming reports for the most up-to-date trail conditions.

Trail passes are required for non-training or race days and can be purchased at Freeheel & Wheel. If you have athletes skiing only on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, please contact me directly about other arrangements.

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Yellowstone Ski Festival Director