

E-BLAST 6



DO WE RIDE OR NOT?

Hello Three Flag Riders!

Let me bring you up to date on the current situation. Our 23-person committee met Friday via a one hour Zoom meeting. The only thing discussed was whether we can do the ride and what needs to take place if we can. I won't bore you with how we arrived at our decision but if you need to know the details, my number is 949-769-1726. I would be happy to discuss details with anyone who has questions.

But here are the facts: If we ride, we will NOT be riding into Canada for the finish. If the ride takes place it will finish in Spokane, Washington. Missoula will still be the 4th checkpoint as originally planned. Your committee is doing everything possible to make this ride happen.

Canada has announced US citizens can travel to Canada (Aug 9th) if they have been vaccinated with a Covid-19 test within 72 hours of crossing the Canadian border. The US, however, has postponed announcing whether they will allow Canadian and Mexican citizens into the USA until August 21, 2021. If the USA allows Canadians and Mexicans into the USA and they announce it on or before August 21, 2021, we WILL have a 2021 ride, and as I mentioned, the finish will be in Spokane. We have a tentative Agreement with a Spokane property, but we'll hold off on the details for the moment. We will also negotiate rates with additional hotels to accommodate our riders if they do not wish to stay at the host hotel. Don't worry if we have the ride, we will immediately send out an E-Blast with hotels phone numbers, rates, etc.

Canadians may need to get a Covid-19 test to get back into Canada after the banquet. We've considered this and if we ride, we'll provide details and locations for those tests so Canadians will not be delayed getting back into their country.

For now, I suggest cancelling your room reservations at the hotel you have booked in Penticton. Again, we are NOT going to Penticton this year, but your committee is committed to having a ride, if at all possible. As soon as we get more details, we'll put it out in E-Blast 7. Look for that on or about August 21, 2021. Thank you for your patience!

Steven Shulman
Chairman, 2021 Three Flags Classic
45th Annual Ride