

Environmental Protection Statement

The off-road racing community of BC is incredibly fortunate to have access to some of the most spectacular, varied and challenging terrain anywhere. The opportunity to compete on trails in coastal rain forests, rugged river valleys, interior plateaus and mountainous alpine areas is unique to our series. The PNWMA recognizes that the access we enjoy comes with a need to limit our impact, this requires planning on the part of the clubs hosting events. Areas of concern include wet lands, wildlife habitat, range lands, historically significant locations, streams and rivers. With proper planning clubs can balance environmental concerns with the desire to provide racers with a challenging off-road experience.

Guide Lines for Hosting an Event

Weather: Host clubs should remain flexible with regards to the lay-out of their race course, recent rain fall or periods of extended dry weather may necessitate changes to the loop. During times of dry weather some terrain becomes very loose or silty developing deep ruts which may require repair for future use. Heavy rains or recent snow melt may create standing water and run-off destabilizing trails and increasing potential damage. Wind storms and downed trees prior to an event may result in excessive braiding or multiple lines forming adding to increased wear and tear. Clubs should always pre-ride the course immediately prior to the race to ensure the loop is passable, and make changes as required.

Trail Selection: Consideration should be given to which trails are used during a race, more difficult terrain may require separate A and B sections to allow beginner classes a challenging yet passable loop. Trails that are very steep and prone to erosion should be used as down hills when ever possible. A race course that gains elevation by using roads and gradually climbing trail experiences less erosion than a loop which climbs steep trail sections. The race course arrowing should be easy to follow and consistent to avoid racers getting lost and riding terrain not intended as part of the race. The host club should make every effort to balance the desire to provide a challenging loop with the need to conserve our trail resources.

Sanitation: A plan should be put in place to allow for providing garbage disposal and porta-potties to ensure no waste is left behind. Garbage bags should be made available to racers to allow them to pitch in with maintaining a clean staging area.

Communications: The riders meeting and awards ceremony are both good venues to mention the need to keep the staging area clean. Signage around the race staging area asking participants to use the provided garbage bags/cans and avoid sensitive terrain pays big dividends with keeping riding areas open for motorcycle use Also by mentioning the benefits of

limiting our impact to the trails when racing and play riding we can help to spread the word about conservation.