

## ANNOUNCEMENT



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Subject: Pacific Forest Rally Cancelled

Issue Date: September 15, 2022

With great regret, the organizers have decided that we cannot proceed with the Pacific Forest Rally this year, due to a combination of reasons: Organizing expenses are much higher than in previous years, driven primarily by the pressure on hotel rooms from highway construction crews, pipeline construction crews and people still out of their homes from last year's floods. Combined with extremely low entry numbers, the event is not financially viable, and we don't feel it would be responsible to proceed and leave a trail of unpaid bills in our wake. In addition, the loss of several key stages due to washouts and ongoing access restrictions from last year's fires and floods mean that we aren't able to run the sort of event that we would be proud of.

We wish to thank all the volunteers who signed up to help, and hope to see you all at the Big White Winter Rally in December, or at next year's PFR. We also wish to thank all of the teams that did enter, and will be processing refunds for entry fees and spectator guide ads over the coming days.

Looking forward, we are expecting next year to be easier in terms of road availability and accommodation, and will be working towards a more sustainable financial model, so that we can welcome rally teams back to the Nicola Valley as soon as we can!

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