

## Announcement



**No.: 2026-04**

**Subject:** Pacific Forest Rally Cancellation

**Issue Date:** May 21, 2026

**Fire Danger Cancellation:** The Merritt area had an extremely low snow-pack this year, and a warm dry spring, which has resulted in the fire danger rating sitting at high, to extreme, for most of late April through mid May. Our commitment to the BC Ministry of Forestry is that we will not run the event at high or extreme fire danger ratings, or if there are active wildfires near any of the stages. Recent cooler weather and some light rain brought the fire danger down for a few days however it has recently come right back up to high or extreme. Without a normal snow-pack to help keep the forest damp, we expect the fire danger to remain high or extreme right up to and beyond the rally weekend. Out of fairness to the teams and volunteers who are travelling long distance to attend the event, we feel it necessary to make the call to cancel the event at this time.

**Rocky Mountain Rally:** Please note that south-eastern BC, where the Rocky Mountain Rally is based, had higher than normal snow-pack this winter and has had more moderate fire danger ratings throughout the spring. Rocky will be proceeding as planned.

**Proposed New Date for PFR:** The Organizing Committee is aiming to re-schedule the event as a Regional in the fall, likely on October 17, 2026.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this has caused,

The 2026 Pacific Forest Rally Organizing Committee