

January, 4th, 2021

RE: Grand Traverse - January Update

2021 Grand Traverse Greetings,

Wishing everyone abundant blessings for 2021!

In life, we experience our valleys and our summits, high points and low points...

We hope this greeting is leading us all towards many new highs, especially a collective GT mountain high in this new year!

As promised, you're receiving this January update with our current outlook on the 2021 ski event.

Last month we submitted Event Risk Mitigation & Safety plans to both Gunnison and Pitkin County - Public Health Departments. These proposals remain under review. We expect to receive initial responses to these applications in the next two weeks. We anticipate by the first week of February, we should have a better understanding of whether a through race - Crested Butte to Aspen may be feasible.

Some encouraging news is that COVID Risk Level within Gunnison County has remained stable.

This has led us to receive provisional approval from Gunnison County to present **Alley Loop Nordic Marathon** events on **February 6th & 7th, 2021** (registration now open).

We also expect we'll soon receive provisional approval to proceed with our **Gothic Mountain Tour** race on **February 28th**.

(pre-registration is currently open on a waitlist basis. Only 25% registration capacity remains open on the pre-registration waitlist...)

Hopefully both these event approvals bode well for the GT to gain approval as well (*at least within Gunnison County*).

Of course ultimate approval of this event will be dependent upon what COVID Risk Levels look like come March, in both Gunnison & Pitkin Counties.

Waitlist Registration Prospects

To give waitlisted teams insight into their odds of gaining entry into the 2021 event (*should the race be approved*), here is how the numbers presently shake out -

- 150 teams rolled over from last year's cancellation.
- 32 other teams reenlisted from last year's cancellation and have priority position on our Pre-Registration Waitlist.
- We'll therefore have capacity to enroll approximately **78 new teams from the [General Registration Waitlist](#)** (*if and when the race gains approval*).

You may view your team's position on the [General Registration Waitlist HERE](#).

If you're not listed within the top 90 to 100 on this list, your likelihood of receiving an invitation to complete registration is rather low.

However, if we have a high degree of attrition from last year's roll-overs, that probability could change...

We'll continue sending monthly updates from this email address.

You can expect we'll also send out notification prior to activating any invitations to complete registration off the waitlist.

Be well,

Grand Traverse Event Staff