

Haines 2016 Free Ride Event Report.

4/5/2016

Unlike last season the event and process went much more fluid.

The event organizers and safety staff decided to host the event in the same location as last year.

3/16/2016

This is near the border and is called the Venue in the little Jarvis drainage.

Unlike last season snow pack was stable and was assumed to be in good competition condition. The plan was to get the equipment and overnight crew up on the mountain asap. This occurred on 3.16.2016.

Guides worked the face on the 19<sup>th</sup> and we forecasted the event for the 21<sup>st</sup> seeing a solid weather window, that could produce a good competition.

SEABA Lead guide, Tucker Patton and FWT safety crew, deliberated and took photos of the face. Made suggestions about closures on the face for safety and cleared the area for any visible wildlife. The crew placed positions for safety and photographers for the day for emergency response. At no point during the event was there any sighting of any wildlife besides Ptarmigan. Some of the starting gates etc. were Heli lifted into place on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March ready for event day.

3/21

All crews were dispatched to mile 33 the heliport used for this year's event. Guides and event organizers met at 33 at 5:45 am and proceeded to prep for the 6:30 start.

9:40 event started and 32 athletes started the course.

This season we had a separate High angle short haul helicopter that services Denali on location to retrieve difficult patients in locations where skier could not reach them. This alone cost \$8000 to have on site for 5 hours.

No major injuries. Snow conditions held in and the event concluded with last rider going through finish line at 12:20 pm.

Attendance:

A total of 108 people were flown to the site for the day. All materials from the area were flown out by 6:10pm on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There were 72 other user's days associated with this event. Between 3/16-21/2016

Spills: None were noted, all fuels removed from overnight location. Photos are being collected of the area. Before during and after the event. Should be attached to corresponding emails. All visible and trash, personal items and property were removed on 3/21/2016 with an intent to revisit sight in July to do final pick up.

Event dinner went well with the Mayor speaking on behalf of Haines. Support for the State and the Haines Borough was acknowledged.

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Scott Sundberg SEABA GM

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