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Subject: Re: FW: Special Event Report....

Julie,

My apologies for not getting this to you sooner. I've been juggling the onset of my fishing season with the wrap of the heli season and got a little behind.

Alaska Heliskiing hosted our 2nd Annual Little Goat Banked Super G and BBQ on April 18th this year. As the week of our Special Event permit was approaching, it was very apparent that there was going to be difficult weather and snow conditions for the event which made it difficult to advertise the event and get as many people involved as we would have liked. We made a hasty decision on the 16th to do the event on the 18th as the forecast looked to be deteriorating throughout the week. Because of the tough snow conditions, we ended up moving the venue from the DeFlowered Glacier that we used last season to the glacier below the Caffeine Glacier Bulge. The snow there was actually perfect for the race although the course ended up being a bit shorter than we would have liked. The day was a beautiful sunny day, but there was quite a bit of wind so BBQing would have been difficult, plus it was quite chilly for people in costumes to be hanging around on the hill. We ended up hosting the food and awards back at our base at 35 Mile.

AH Guides flew up to the venue in the morning with the panel gates and set the course. The Juneau Ski Club generously donated their gates for our use as they did in 2016. When the course was ready, we flew all 43 participants to the starting gate and put on the race. Everything went really well and a great time was had by all. The overall winner was Santi Guzman of Argentina with a time of 1 minute 53 seconds. Snowboard men was won by Justin McCarty, snowboard women by Emily Jaissle, and ski women by Samantha Miner. A few of the runs were filmed doors off from the helicopter for film production that will be released in the Fall.

We are looking forward to hosting this event again in 2018 and hopefully the weather will allow us to increase the size and participation.

Attached are several photos from the event...

Thanks,
Ryan



