SBT GRVL—A World-Class Gravel Racing Experience

August 18-20, 2023—Steamboat Springs, CO

Event Overview and Operational Plan:

SBT GRVL was first held in August of 2019 and quickly became one of the top gravel cycling races in North America. Taking a hiatus in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SBT GRVL has sold out its 3000 spots the past three years. With sponsor activities, casual rides, and the expo taking place on Friday and Saturday, Sunday will be race day starting in downtown Steamboat Springs. 3000 riders will take on four different length courses, all starting and finishing on Yampa Street in downtown Steamboat Springs and utilizing paved and dirt roads west of town in Routt County, Colorado.

Agencies who are supporting the event through a permit process or direct involvement include The City of Steamboat Springs, Routt County Road and Bridges, Routt County Search and Rescue, Steamboat Police, Routt County Sherriff's office, Colorado State Patrol, Town of Oak Creek, Routt County Public Health, Routt County Emergency, and Steamboat Fire.

Link to proposed routes: https://ridewithgps.com/events/169163-sbt-grvl-2022

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Brief Operational Timeline:

Friday, August 18th
9:00am—load in for expo downtown on Yampa from 9th St. to 12th St.
9:00am—Casual Shake-Out Ride #1 leaving from downtown
11:00am—Casual Shake-Out Ride #2 leaving from downtown
12:00pm—Expo begins, packet pickup starts
3:45pm—Ride for Racial Justice casual ride (leaving from Little Toots Park)
5:00pm—Expo and packet pick up end for the day
5:30pm—Hill Climb Challenge (limited entries) at Howelsen Hill
6:30pm—End of events for the day, casual events downtown

Saturday, August 19th
8:30am—Expo and packet pickup begins
9:00am—Saturday casual ride starts (leaving from Yampa near Little Toots Park)
11:00am—Yoga in the Park (Little Toots Park)
3:00pm—end of expo and begin load out/load in for start line race setup (fence, truss, etc.)
6:00pm—end of packet pickup
9:00pm—end of race setup, overnight security takes over

Sunday, August 20th
5:00am—staff arrives, and riders begin to trickle in on Yampa, full closure of Yampa from 12th to 5th.
6:30am—first wave of riders goes off, with additional waves to follow

11:00am—food and beverage are available for riders
8:30pm—last rider finishes, clean up and load out to follow
11:00pm—streets are available to open back up

Event Safety and Communications Plan
SBT GRVL will rely on several key agencies and organizations to create a robust safety and communications plan on race day, Sunday August 20th, 2023. Law enforcement and medical support are the central focus to keep the community and our participants safe. Please refer to our interactive maps at https://sbtgrvl.com/sbt-grvl-routes/.

TENTATIVE PLAN
City Police/Community Officer posts:

- 12th/Lincoln from 6:15am-9am—help start waves take a left from 12th St. onto Lincoln Ave.
- Elk River Road/CR 44 6:30am-8:30am—Help start waves take a left from Elk River Road onto CR44
- Lincoln/13th from 9:30am-7:45pm—Help finishers turn onto Lincoln (closed lane) and proceed to finish

Routt Co Sheriff posts:

- RCR 56/RCR 129: one deputy, 7:15am-12:15pm—assist riders taking a left onto CR129 from CR56 and a right turn from CR129 onto CR56 on the return
- RCR 58/RCR 129: one deputy, 7:25am-12:00pm—assist riders taking a left onto CR58 from CR129 and a right turn from CR58 onto CR129 on the return

Colorado State Patrol posts:

- SR 40/CR 44, 8:15am-2:30pm—assist riders taking a right-hand turn from CR44 onto SR40 and warn traffic
- SR 40/CR 179, 8:15am-2:30pm—assist riders taking a left hand turn from westbound SR40 onto CR179

Medical Coverage from EMS Unlimited:

- EMT Personnel—EMT's stationed at all aid stations for duration of event
- EMT Personnel—Two additional EMT's on motos, roving in area of largest concentration of riders (northern course flowing to southern course)
- Medical Tent at start/finish line—staffed with one paramedic, including supplies

Medical Coverage from UC Health and YVMC:

- Three "Docs on Bikes"—doctors spread out among riders on course with basic supplies and comms
- Medical volunteers at each aid station to assist with minor injuries and EMS Unlimited coverage

Communications Coverage:

- Police and medical personnel will communicate on 800MHz band radios, reserved for public safety agencies
- Pending approval/planning with Routt County Emergency, key medical staff and EMS Unlimited will connect also using 800MHz radios with a similar plan to 2021 and 2022 which worked very well