

February 2, 2011

Julie Kjorsvik, Clerk
Kittitas County Commissioners
205 W. 5th Ave., Room 108
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Dear Julie,

Thank you for sending me the updated information for this year's permit for the ***Yakima River Canyon Marathon***. I'm enclosing a check for \$200.00 with the Special Event Application to cover the permit fee.

The eleventh annual ***Yakima River Canyon Marathon*** is scheduled for Saturday, April 2, 2011, with a starting time of 8:00 a.m. on Canyon Road, a short distance south of the Flying J Truck Stop. The wheelchair participants will start at 7:55 a.m. All participants will go north on Canyon Road, turn right onto Berry Road, go east to Tjossem Road, and then .2 mile on Canyon Road. Next will be the Woodhouse Loop Road from north to south, and back to Canyon Road for the remainder of the 26.2 miles. The finish line is located at the "truck turnaround" just north of the Sundown M Ranch in Yakima County.

The following are answers to the questionnaire that you sent me:

1. **Fire Safety and Protection** - This is an outdoor event, and no temporary structure will be erected in Kittitas County for the event. Per a phone conversation with Fire Marshal Brenda Larson, a permit is not necessary.
2. **Public Health/Environmental Health** – (a) During a phone call with Melissa Schumaier, I explained to her that the ten aid stations in Kittitas County provide water and sports drinks, and two of them have pretzels, gummy bears etc. for the participants (all purchased items).....as we've done in the past. She assured me that a permit is not necessary to do this. (b) There will be indoor bathroom facilities and porta potties available at the Conference Building of the Days Inn, gathering place on race morning. In addition, there will be porta potties at the starting line on Canyon Road and one or more at each aid station.
3. **Law Enforcement/Security/Emergency Medical Services** – (a) Security, EMS and Traffic Control.....The ***Yakima River Canyon Marathon*** committee is working with the sheriff's departments of Kittitas and Yakima counties, the Ellensburg and Yakima Police Departments and the Washington State Department of Transportation to provide a safe race for all participants. Chaplain Bill Hunt of the Kittitas County Sheriff's office is the coordinator for the deputies who will assist us on race day. They will work with ham radio operators of Yakima and Kittitas counties who will be at all aid stations on the course and at the finish area in rural Selah. A medical tent at the finish area will be staffed with a doctor and some nurses, and an ambulance will be available there as well. (b) Music....There will be music on the course near the end of the race, nothing excessively loud and not after 3:00 p.m. (c) Off-site parking.....The only parking that is needed is a small

amount at the starting line, so the “off-road” parking there is adequate. None is needed on the course for participants, and there are no spectators allowed. (d) Shuttle buses.....A & A Motor Coaches bring runners from the Selah Civic Center at 6:00 a.m. via I-82 to the Conference Building at the Days Inn in Ellensburg. (e) Alcohol – None will be served.

4. **Public Roads** – Only local area residents, fishermen, volunteers and course officials will be permitted on State Highway 821 from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Passes will be available for those who need access to the road during the race. The Department of Transportation is working with us to notify trucks and other traffic of the closure. Spectators will be allowed to watch at the start, Thrall Road “T” junction and at the finish area. Bicycles (other than media and aid support) will not be allowed on the course. Signs regarding the closure will be posted at both ends of the canyon, per the request of the D.O.T.
5. **Garbage/Recycling** – One of the goals of the *Yakima River Canyon Marathon* committee is to “leave the Canyon cleaner than we found it on race day.” For our past ten, successful races this has been accomplished, and the same steps will be taken again this year to make sure that this will happen. All garbage will be removed and taken to the finish area in Yakima County for recycling and/or disposal.
6. **Insurance** – Sheriff Dana and you will be the recipients of our insurance coverage that will be issued within the next few weeks (see enclosed copy of last year’s coverage).
7. **Penal Bond – Bond of Indemnity** – Because of the insurance coverage that we have, *please ask the Board of County Commissioners to waive the 5.20.100 Penal Bond – Bond of Indemnity requirement.*
8. **County Filings and Registration** – This race is sponsored by the Yakima Hard Core Runners Club and the registration fee for participants is \$65.00 before February 28, 2011, and \$80.00 from March 1, 2011, until April 1, 2011.....collected by on-line registrations, mail-in registrations to the marathon treasurer and late ones to the registrar the day before the race at Selah.

Nothing has changed from the past years when we’ve met all of the requirements of Kittitas County. *Please grant us a waiver from the 60-day request for application processing.*

In the past, we’ve had as many as 535 participants who have come from many different states, Canada and from various other parts of the world. We hope to have that many again this year. We’re planning another great event on an awesome course and ask for your support for the eleventh annual *Yakima River Canyon Marathon*.

Sincerely,



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