



The New England Forest Rally

New England Forest Rally 2020 Canceled

For Immediate Release

Due to the concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus and considering the safety guidelines established by the State of Maine, the New England Forest Rally has decided to cancel the running of their event scheduled for July 31st and August 1st, 2020. As one of the many national events in the ARA Championship that has had to postpone or cancel their events, we understand the impact this will have upon the NEFR community.

The organizers did not come to this decision lightly. Out of respect for the local area and because of the many volunteers, competitors, service teams, and fans we felt it most important to make sure we did not negatively impact the health of those people and the communities in which our event runs.

We would like to thank all the key companies and people who have so kindly allowed our event to continue over these past 30 years, among them, Seven Islands Land Company, Wagner Forest Management, the Weyerhaeuser Company, Dartmouth Lands, Errol, NH, and the Maine towns of Bethel, Newry, Andover, Mexico, Peru and Woodstock. Additionally, we are grateful for the assistance provided by our wonderful ambulance services; Medicare, Rangeley Ambulance Service, Errol Rescue, and the 45th Parallel Ambulance.

We would also like to thank the many businesses that provide services to our workers, fans, and competitor teams. Among these businesses are The Sunday River Resort, the restaurants, and the service stations in and around the areas we traverse. We appreciate their hospitality, providing housing, food, and a variety of additional amenities.

Without the continued support of all involved, our event would not enjoy the longstanding status it holds within the rally community.

The absence of the rally has opened a new opportunity. NEFR is creating the Rally For A Cause donation portal and with other ARA events will be raising money for the communities in which we each race. Our events help to support the local economies and we want to make an impact in our rally areas. We hope you will join us! The Rally For A Cause event donation portals will be announced in the coming days.

Although we have paused for 2020, the New England Forest Rally expects to return in 2021 on the weekend of July 30 and 31st. Wishing you all the best during these uncertain times.