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All parties receiving this notice are listed on page 2.

- The following pages detail the proposed event
- Arrangement details (pending and confirmed)
- If you notice any discrepancies or issues that need immediate attention, contact us as soon as possible

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

RECIEPIENT LIST - For 2026 Pacific Forest Rally to be held on October 16-17, 2026 in and around the City of Merritt (phone and email blanked for privacy)

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Emergency	TNRD Fire Protection Service				
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Kirby	Aspen Planers Ltd.				
Kirby	Nicola Unit / Pooley Ranch	Mark & Barbara Pooley	Unit Manager		
Kirby	Nicola Unit	Gordon / Kathy Pooley			
Kirby	Trace Resources				
Kirby	BC Hydro	Dave Andrew	Construction Officer		
Mab					

To whom it may concern:

Please find enclosed a detailed proposal of the Pacific Forest Rally we are hosting in the surrounding area of City of Merritt on October 16-17, 2026.

This event was postponed from the end of May due to the extreme fire danger at the time. We are anticipating that the fire danger will have dropped sufficiently by mid-October for it to be able to proceed safely.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would examine these details from the viewpoint of your organization with regards to your regulations and policies and give us your comments.

We are pursuing support from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, and the City of Merritt. We hope to have road use agreements in time for the rally. Conditions of these agreements include remediation of road damage after the rally wherever necessary.

We have General Liability Insurance coverage for \$5,000,000 and included the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, and the City of Merritt as additional insured. Should you feel that other parties should be named, please notify us as soon as possible.

Roads: Kirby (Kirby FSR), Mab (Mab FSR).

Venues: Merritt Highway Plaza Chevron (former truck stop).

In order to expedite the organization and to move forward with our planning process as soon as possible, please address any questions or concerns to me, Paul Westwick, by phone or email.

Our sincerest thanks for your continued support and co-operation over the last twenty years, and your ongoing cooperation in meeting a tight schedule this year. We look forward to another safe and fun event in Merritt.

Yours truly,

Paul Westwick, Coordinator, Pacific Forest Rally

Tel: 604 617 4132 Email: paul@rallybc.com

2026 Pacific Forest Rally

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Pacific Forest Rally is a multi stage performance event. Teams are expected from across Western Canada and the northwest US states.

Jurisdiction

The rally will be held under the Rally General Competition Rules of the Canadian Association of Rallysport (CARS), and the current CARS Rally Regulations. These publications are available from office@carsrally.ca, and will be available for scrutiny at registration.

Event Status

This event is sanctioned by the Canadian Association of Rallysport (CARS), and is part of the Western Canadian Rally Championship.

Venue

Registration/Event Headquarters: Merritt Best Western Plus
Service Area – Merritt Highway Plaza Chevron, Merritt BC

Schedule for Pacific Forest Rally 2026

Friday October 16	
9:30-11:30	Registration
12:00-17:30	Recce
18:00-20:00	Scrutineering at Merritt Highway Plaza
22:00	End of day 1
Saturday June 6	
8:00-9:00	Cars on display – Merritt Highway Plaza
9:00	Ceremonial Start, Start of rally
20:00	End of Rally, Best Western Plus Merritt
20:30 – 23:00	Volunteer appreciation party at Best Western Plus Merritt

Type

The Pacific Forest Rally is a performance rally consisting of special stages and transits. The total length of the event will be approximately 375 km, including approximately 132 km of special stages. Stage road surfaces will be dirt and rock, with some chance for snow at higher elevations.

Entries

The maximum number of entries will be limited to 30 cars in the order of receipt of entries. The organizers reserve the right to refuse any entry. Entries will be accepted until 11:00 on Friday October 16, 2026.

Road Maintenance

The organizers have committed to contracting to perform any road maintenance or repair that is required after the event. We will perform our own inspection immediately following the event. In addition, if other users report road damage to the WCRA, we will contract and pay for the necessary repairs.

Pacific Forest Rally Event Details:

Course Description

The Pacific Forest Rally is a regional performance rally, covering approximately 375km, of which 132km are special stages (the competitive sections). The stage roads are as indicated on map 1. As can be seen, all of the stages are in close proximity to the town of Merritt.

The Kirby stages use Kirby Road, from the 0km mark near Helmer Lake, to 4km past the junction with Thelma Mine Road.

The Mab stages use Mab FSR from km 0 to the pipeline crossing at 15.5km

Start/finish control crews will comprise a minimum 5 people: control captain, radio, road block, timing and flag person. Spectator control crews will comprise a minimum of 5 people: captain, radio, parking control, two spectator control marshals. Road closure crews will generally comprise two people: radio, marshal.

Anticipated weather conditions: cool, with some chance of rain, and a potential for snow. Terrain is primarily rolling hills.

Vehicles/Participants Description

All vehicles will undergo a thorough inspection before the start of the rally, to ensure compliance with the safety and classification rules of CARS.

Event Management Description

- 1 There will be three course opening crews and two course closing and two light extraction sweep crews.
- 2 Signs notifying the public of the event will be posted at each end of each stage road. These signs will all be posted two to three weeks prior to the event, in keeping with the road use agreements. The Merritt detachment of the RCMP and the provincial Ambulance Service will be notified of the event. Road closure notifications will also be published in the local newspaper.
- 3 Radio personnel will be present at the start and finish of each stage, at each spectator point, at junctions where there is potential for non-rally traffic, and at least every 7km within every stage. Radio net control will be located in the town of Merritt throughout the event. The Clerk of the Course will be in continuous radio contact with net control. Radio type will be Ham, using the Iron Mountain repeater. This repeater can be reached from all radio points on the route. Backup plans will be made for relaying messages via simplex if there is a failure of the repeater.
- 4 All potential access points to the stages will be staffed for the entire duration that the respective stages are in use, to ensure that non-rally traffic is controlled. All side road spurs will be taped off with banner tape, clearly labeled "Caution: Motorsport event, Do not cross".

Spectator/Public viewing areas.

There are designated forest spectator points, identified in the spectator guide. In each location, viewing is from a raised bank, well above the surface of the road. Spectators will be controlled by at least five persons: captain, radio, parking control and two spectator control marshals.

The maps in spectator information (posters, guides etc.) will only show the designated spectator areas. The stage maps will not be made available to the general public. Spectators arriving at access points other than the designated spectator access points will be directed to the designated points. Because most of the route is on public crown land, the organizers cannot legally prevent the public from accessing other locations, but the public will be strongly discouraged from doing so.

Emergency Facilities

Two qualified first aid crews with equipped ambulances will be on site. One will be stationed in or near each stage that is active at any time.

Light vehicle recovery will be provided by one of the course closing vehicles, and heavy recovery will be on standby, dispatched from Merritt.

There is a hospital in Merritt, approximately 40km from the furthest point of the furthest stage. Transportation to hospital will be by provincial ambulance service, as per provincial regulations. Incidents will be reported via the radio network, to the Clerk of the Course immediately. Emergency and recovery personnel will also be dispatched immediately. All incidents will be reported in writing to the organizer at the end of the rally. Copies of the report will be forwarded to the chief steward, regional rally director, CARS, and the executive of the West Coast Rally Association. The appropriate Insurance Agency forms will be completed and forwarded along with the organizers report, to the Insurance Agency as soon as possible. Necessary action will be taken to delay, stop, or end the rally, depending upon the severity of the situation and the location of the incident.

Emergency Procedures

WCRA has organized the following procedures for safety and emergency purposes:

- Qualified first aid personnel in attendance for event medical services.
- Club organized Radio Net for communications throughout the road course, through the Iron Mountain repeater.
- Club appointed marshals to be posted throughout the route and at all key junctions to monitor uncontrolled traffic and limit access.
- The route will be taped off at all key junctions
- Road Closure notices will be posted at least 7 days before the event at the beginning and end of the route.

During the event, portions of the road will be closed to public traffic. Closures will be for the minimum time necessary for the safe operation of the rally.

In the case of emergency access onto the closed portion of the route for police, fire or ambulance, the following procedure should be used to immediately acquire access to this road and minimize delays:

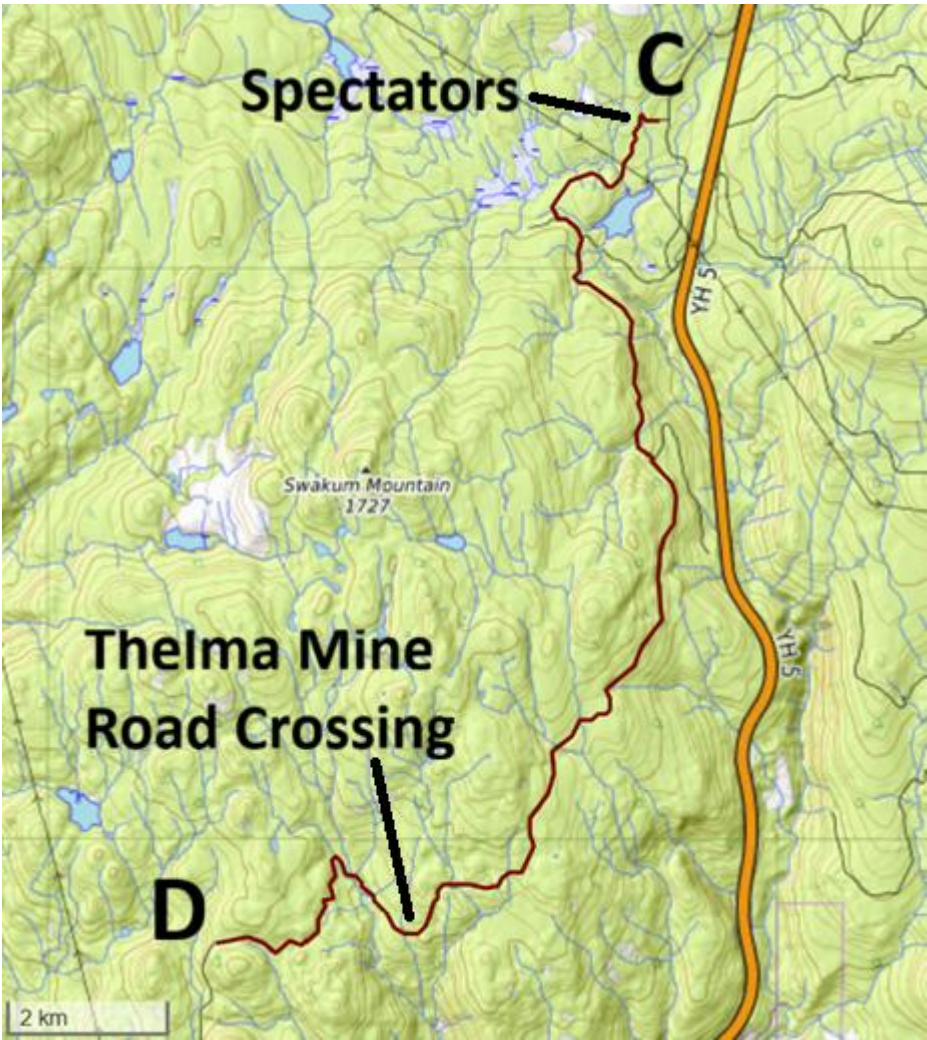
- 1 The following organizers can be contacted via cellular immediately before dispatch. Paul Westwick – 604 617 4132
- 2 If this is not possible – emergency vehicles can come to any radio control points and immediately request access to the road.
- 3 Upon receipt of phone call or request of passage from emergency vehicle, the event will be halted immediately and the radio net will be notified to close the route, stop additional competitors from starting and prepare for access by emergency services. (This may take a few minutes).

The route will remain closed and the event will halt until the emergency services have deemed the situation has been reconciled and access to the road is no longer required.

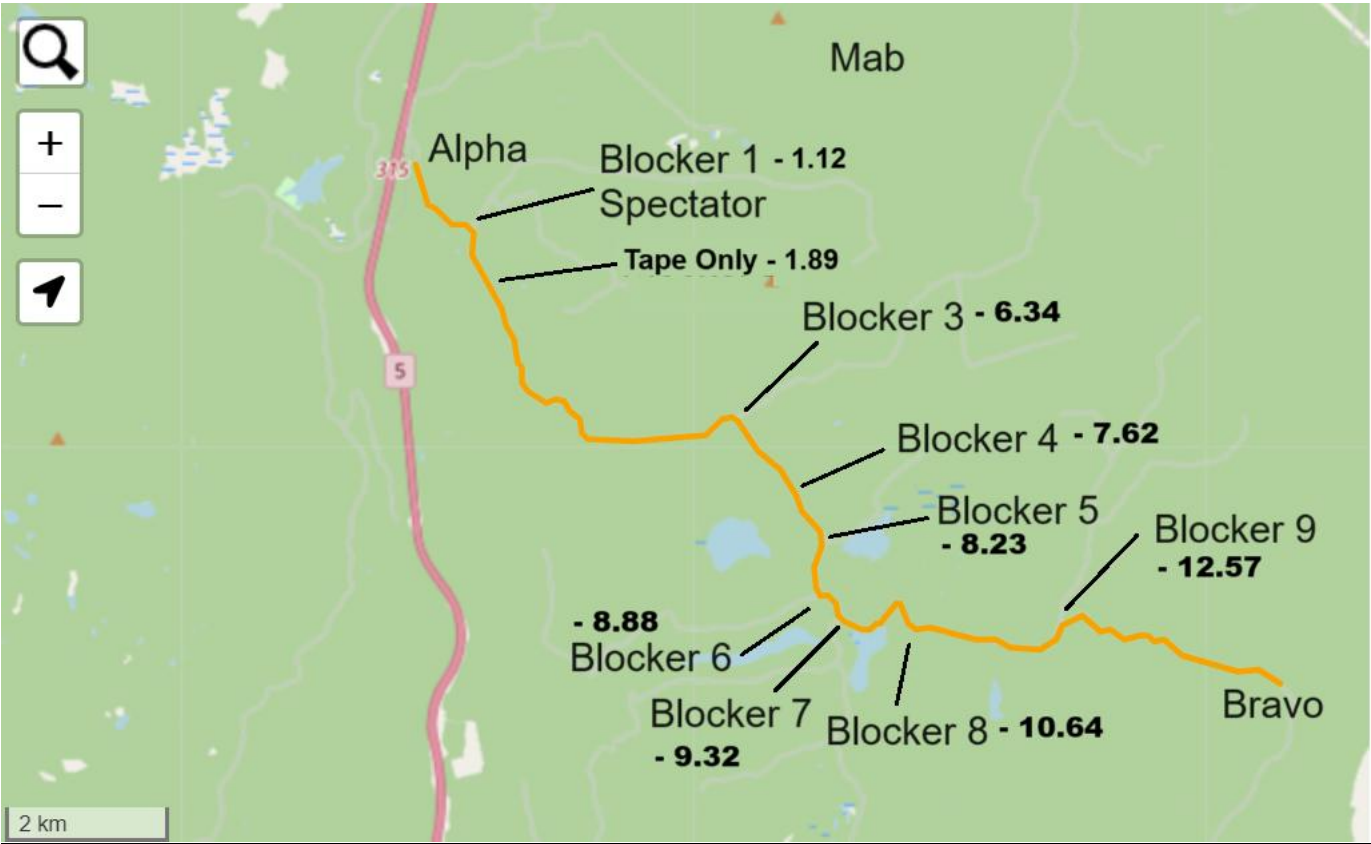
Map 1:



Kirby Detail:



Mab Detail:



Proposed Schedule of event (detailed)

Saturday October 17:

Section		From	To	Stage Km	Transit Km	Time	First Car
Expose / Ceremonial Start							8:00:00
Transit to Mab		MTC 1	ATC 1		30.44	0:30	9:00:00
SS1 - Mab East 1	A-B	ATC 1	TC 1	15.42		0:13	9:33:00
Transit to Mab West Stage		TC 1	ATC 2		0.38	0:30	9:46:00
SS2 - Mab West 1	B-A	ATC 2	TC 2	15.48		0:13	10:19:00
Transit to Service		TC 2	ATC S1		29.15	0:25	10:32:00
Service 1		ATC S1	ATC S1A			0:30	10:57:00
Transit to Mab		ATC S1A	ATC 3		27.66	0:30	11:27:00
SS3 - Mab East 2	A-B	ATC 3	TC 3	15.42		0:13	12:00:00
Transit to Mab West Stage		TC 3	ATC 4		0.38	0:30	12:13:00
SS4 - Mab West 2	B-A	ATC 4	TC 4	15.48		0:13	12:46:00
Transit to Service		TC 4	MTC 2		29.15	0:25	12:59:00
Service 2		ATC S2	ATC S2A			1:00	13:24:00
Re-seed/re-start delay		ATC S2A	ATC S2B			0:10	14:24:00
Leg A Totals:				61.80	117.16	5:22:00	
Transit to Kirby South		ATC S2B	ATC 7		30.74	0:35	14:34:00
SS5 - Kirby South 1	D-C	ATC 7	TC 7	17.51		0:14	15:12:00
Transit to Kirby North		TC 7	ATC 8		2.10	0:35	15:26:00
SS6 - Kirby North 1	C-D	ATC 8	TC 8	17.37		0:14	16:04:00
Transit to Service		TC 8	ATC S3		29.99	0:25	16:18:00
Service 3		ATC S3	ATC S3A			0:30	16:43:00
Re-seed/re-start delay		ATC S3A	ATC S3B			0:10	17:13:00
Leg B Totals:		89.08		34.88	62.83	2:43:00	
Transit to Kirby South		ATC S2B	ATC 7		30.74	0:35	17:23:00
SS7 - Kirby South 2	D-C	ATC 7	TC 7	17.51		0:14	18:01:00
Transit to Kirby North		TC 7	ATC 8		2.10	0:35	18:15:00
SS8 - Kirby North 2	C-D	ATC 8	TC 8	17.37		0:14	18:53:00
Transit to Service		TC 8	ATC S3		29.99	0:25	19:07:00
Leg C Totals:		140.90		34.88	62.83	2:03:00	19:32:00
			Total km	Total Stg	Total Trn	Total Time	
Total Rally Distance				131.56	242.82	10:08:00	

Note that the times when each section of road will be closed to public traffic will start approximately 1 hour before the time listed above, and extend to approximately 1 hour after the time listed above. Anyone needing access during this period can contact the traffic marshal at the access point. Emergency access will be provided as quickly as possible. For non-emergency access, we will make every effort to get you through at the earliest break.