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1. GRAVEL CREW

It is often observed that road surface condition dramatically changed between the recce and the first run of a stage due to intensive rainfalls, which were rarely seen until recent years. This creates major differences between the pace notes crew made in the recce and the actual status of the road, and thus increases risk. In order to improve safety during the competition, introduction of Gravel Crew (Route Note Crew) is currently under discussion by JAF's initiative. A feasibility test of Gravel Crew will be conducted on this rally, and its outcome will be made available for every team's review.

ACTIONS

An official car equipped with on-board camera runs through the stages filming the course, and each movie of SS will be made available to all the competitors on a website.

Movies will be published on the internet one per one stage, and published one by one, finishing before the start of the leg of the 1st car.

PLANS

An official car equipped with on-board camera runs through the stages filming the course, and uploads the video after finishing each SS, making the video available for every competitor to review. This car runs through the stage no later than 3 hours prior to the start of the stage.

Videos will be published according to the schedule below:

Leg 1

- PAWSE KAMUY SHORT between 03:30hrs and 4:00hrs
- RIKUBETSU LONG between 04:00hrs and 04:30hrs
- YAM WAKKA between 04:30hrs and 05:00hrs

Leg 2

- TOKACHIGAWA between 04:30hrs and 05:00hrs
- OTOFUKE REVERSE between 05:00hrs and 05:30hrs

SSS IKEDA will not be filmed (as safety risk due to road surface change is minor)

The above schedule is a plan and the actual posting time may vary depending on miscellaneous reasons. Once published, those movies stay accessible for review any time during the event.

URL of the video of each stage will be communicated through the event's Sportity and JGR Rally Entry System.

The introduction of the Gravel Crew for this event is for testing purpose, and there may be cases where movies of one or multiple stages are not available, and/or not in good quality.