

Response to pre-running of Vegas to Reno

Best in the Desert kindly and firmly reminds everyone that the 2020 Maxxis Tire Casey Folks “Vegas to Reno” presented by Fox is a **No Pre Run** Course.

Here are a few reasons why we ask everyone to respect the event and stay away from the area:

- 1) We have worked closely with local, county and BLM officials to get this event approved during a time of uncertainty. By choosing to pre-run, you jeopardize the event for everyone. The reason we stopped holding a pre-fun run for this event in 2009 was because all the activity leading up to the event caused the roads to be torn up so badly that locals and land owners could not access these areas and county maintenance crews had to repair roads before the event took place. Then they had to come in again and repair after the event. Once the pre-fun run stopped, we have had very good relationships with all these entities and we would like to keep it that way.
- 2) We have worked very hard to build good working relationship all across the state with land owners, mine operators and cattle ranchers. At this year’s Silver State 300, there was a lot of activity leading up to the event with vehicles pre-running the assumed race route. We know it was none of you reading this. However, it caused significant difficulties with gates being left open that were suppose to be closed and cattle got into areas it was not suppose to be. Years of cooperation and trust that Best in the Desert built with ranchers and locals is now gone because a few people couldn’t follow the rules.
- 3) By choosing to pre-run, your actions directly reflect back on Best in the Desert. Locals, ranchers and mine owners all know the difference between stock vehicles and pre-run vehicles. When they start noticing these types of vehicles traveling at high rates of speed in the race course area, they start calling us and BLM to ask questions and log complaints. Once that starts happening, actions must be taken. That’s why we say again, you choosing to pre-run will jeopardize the event for everyone.
- 4) Best in the Desert Officials live in Beatty, Goldfield, Tonopah, Mina, Hawthorne, Gabbs, and Dayton area. These people are involved in their communities and if we get reports from them that you were out pre-running, there will be penalties up to disqualification. **Do not put Best in the Desert in that situation by pre-running. We have said it before and we will say it again: It does not matter what your name is, who your sponsors are, we treat everyone the same.**

We have been working very hard the past few years to get the Pre-Fun Run approved for future Vegas to Reno events and are very close to making that happen. Please do not undo our hard work by pre-running the route you supposedly think we are using this year. As was stated in our Town Hall meeting in May, there are over 60 miles of course that haven’t been used in over a decade. It’s not just one section, its spread out all over the route. With these older sections and other changes, race teams can expect a very different but exciting Maxxis Tire Casey Folks “Vegas to Reno” presented by Fox for 2020.