



## Big Mountain Enduro Bend / Mt. Bachelor Finals - Canceled Due to Local Fires

Hello racers and teams,

It is unfortunate news and a very tough decision to make, but we had to cancel the BME Finals in Bend / Mt. Bachelor, OR due to poor air quality caused by local fires. We have closely monitored the situation since late last week, were optimistically hoping conditions would improve, but mother nature had other plans.

Our crew has been on the ground all week, working closely with Mt. Bachelor Resort and its weather team to make the safest decision. It is simply not the right move to proceed with the event in the face of fluctuating AQI (Air Quality Index) levels, health concerns, and constantly revolving weather patterns and shifting winds pumping unpredictable levels of smoke into the area.

We apologize in advance for issues that this created with your travel plans. It is not our intention or business model to cancel events. This is a last resort, worst case scenario caused by a natural disaster that jeopardizes the health and safety of running a race event. Having been up at Mt. Bachelor daily all week, the AQI levels were constantly changing. ***As of this morning, things took a turn for the worse and it became too unpredictable to safely proceed with the event.***

We are working diligently with our insurance company to provide refunds to all registered racers, so please keep an eye out for specific emails in the coming days and weeks regarding that process and timeline.

We will also be sending out updates on how the BME Overall Series winners will be determined. Having two events canceled this year due to areas outside of our control is sadly unprecedented. Again, stay tuned for more information coming out daily and we'll do our best to update everyone as we get information.

Thanks,

Team BME