

Subject: Potential Air Quality and Weather Policy for Cross Washington Tour-2024

The Cross Washington Tour date is purposely set for mid-June to improve our chances of NOT having issues with Air Quality and Weather.

Air Quality:

On the off chance that Air Quality is an issue, we propose to set an Air Quality standard beyond which we would cancel the event.

We propose:

- If the forecast for The Air Quality Index is above 150* (in the Red Zone) anytime during the week of 18 -23 June, we will cancel the event.
- We will make a decision on Friday, June 14th, 2024. This will give 96 hours to cancel motels etc.
- Obviously, individuals can make their own decisions about what is an acceptable AQI for them, assuming the event is not cancelled.
- In the unlikely event that unhealthy air quality forces cancellation of the bike tour en route, a bus would be dispatched to transport riders back to Spokane. The cost (estimated \$100/rider) would be borne by each participant.

* The **forecast** for Air Quality is only provided in increments: Unhealthy for sensitive groups etc. Index numbers between the increments are not available (for example 120). The concern is that the threshold for cancelling the event is either too low (many would be comfortable riding in this range) or too high (many would be uncomfortable at a much lower level). We will just have to wait and see. The hope, of course, is that fires are extinguished, and Air Quality isn't an issue.

Weather:

- As with air quality, we will look at the weather forecast on Friday June 14th, 2024, to determine that the weather forecast is acceptable.
- We may experience inclement weather, i.e.: rain, fog, wind, and although very unlikely, snow. We will continue the ride in most cases, so bring appropriate clothing and gear.
- In the unlikely event that weather forces us to stop the bike tour en route, we will decide as a group to wait for the weather to improve or cancel the event. If we cancel, a bus would be dispatched to transport riders back to Spokane. The cost (estimated \$100/rider) would be borne by each participant.