

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - February 5, 2021**

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### **Tuckerman Inferno Pentathlon Reimagined to Celebrate the 20th Running March 20, 2021**

**Pinkham Notch, New Hampshire** – Friends of Tuckerman Ravine, a Conway, New Hampshire based non-profit organization, is celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> running of the Tuckerman Inferno Pentathlon race presented by Burgeon Outdoor—to be held, after a one-year break, on March 20, 2021—with a reimagined format and course. The Tuckerman Inferno, an evolution of the original American Inferno ski races of the 1930s, will now consist of a 6-mile fat bike ride and a 6-mile freestyle cross country ski at Great Glen Trails; a 5-mile snowshoe from Great Glen Trails across Connie’s Way backcountry ski trail; and a 3+-mile mountain run up the Tuckerman Trail to Mount Washington's Tuckerman Ravine. The final leg is a ski/snowboard mountaineering race with a giant slalom component in and/or around Tuckerman Ravine. Skiers and snowboarders will continue down the Sherburne ski trail to a finish at the AMC Pinkham Notch Visitor Center.

To mark the 2nd decennial, FOTR has reimagined the race as a celebration of the winter sports available on Mount Washington and the Presidential Range. The new format moves the event off of public roads and onto the eastern slopes of Mount Washington. Up to 600 athletes will compete—solo, or in relay teams—for a one-thousand-dollar cash prize, plus various additional prizes, and a chance to become the next Tuckerman or Tuckerwoman champion.

Two classes of racers will be available this year: solos and relay teams of 2, 3, 4 or 5 people. The solo registration fee is \$200.00 and the team registration fee is \$500.00. Online registration is available for 30 days at [www.friendsoftuckermanravine.org](http://www.friendsoftuckermanravine.org). Registration is capped at 200 bib numbers and opens February 20th, 2021.

Race registration and bib pick-up will begin at Ragged Mountain Equipment, in Intervale, on Friday, March 19, 2021, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.. Ledge Brewing Company, also in Intervale, NH, is hosting the outdoor awards gathering, carefully following COVID-19 protocols, starting at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, March 20, 2021.

FOTR is following the Governor's Economic Reopening Task Force COVID-19 Reopening Guidance for Road Races. Spectators are welcome at any and all transition points and are asked to follow physical distancing guidance and remain spaced 6 feet or more apart, not approach racing participants, and avoid physical contact with participants (i.e. no high-fives). Maps will be available on Friday evening and on the website.

*Friends of Tuckerman Ravine* (FOTR) seeks to preserve and protect the unique alpine and subalpine eastern slopes of Mount Washington, and to work in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service to sustain the traditional uses of the distinctive natural area. *FOTR* provides financial support for the *Mount Washington Avalanche Center* (MWAC) and volunteer support for trail maintenance and site rehabilitation projects around the Cutler River Drainage (CRD) on Mount Washington.

The latest fundraising project supports development of a remote snowpack and real-time weather monitoring station at Hermit Lake Shelter to improve the USFS Snow Rangers' ability to provide timely, accurate avalanche forecasting for the presidential range. Based on the success of the prototype, FOTR will work with the MWAC to deploy this technology to other sites around the range.

Donations and contributions are critical to the success of the FOTR mission. Memberships begin at \$25 per year for students and \$35 for individuals.

The group hosts volunteer work days throughout the seasons. Volunteers interested in helping out with this year's Friends of Tuckerman Ravine Inferno Pentathlon, or any trail maintenance days, are encouraged to visit [www.friendsoftuckermanravine.org](http://www.friendsoftuckermanravine.org).

Additional information can also be found on the Friends of Tuckerman Ravine social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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The *Friends of Tuckerman Ravine* mission is to preserve and protect the unique alpine and sub-alpine eastern slopes of Mount Washington, NH with special focus on Tuckerman Ravine, Huntington Ravine and the Gulf of Slides areas. The non-profit works in close partnership with the US Forest Service and the Mount Washington Avalanche Center to sustain the traditional recreational uses of this distinctive and historically significant area.

**Photo cutline**

## 6 Mile Fat Bike at Great Glen Trails



*Photo Credit: Great Glen Trails*

## 6 Mile Freestyle XC Ski at Great Glen Trails



*Photo Credit: Great Glen Trails*

**5 Mile Snowshoe from Great Glen Trails across Connie's Way backcountry ski trail**



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**3+-Mile Mountain Run up the Tuckerman Trail to Mount Washington's Tuckerman Ravine**



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**A ski/snowboard mountaineering race with a giant slalom component in and/or around Tuckerman Ravine**



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