



Dear Runners,

As many of you know, I have been the volunteer race director for the Steamboat Marathon for the past twenty years. There is nothing I and our many volunteers look forward to more than welcoming you all to Steamboat in early June. It is a ritual that we've been engaging in for what would have been 39 years this year. We are going to miss reconnecting with you and seeing so many familiar faces. It was only after a great deal of time, thought and deliberation that we came to the decision that the logistics and timing of our event made it unsafe for you and our volunteers in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

You all are runners – you know that races are just the icing on the cake of all the many miles of training that get you to the starting and finish lines. No race ever goes exactly as planned. There are always unforeseen obstacles that have to be overcome. The postponement of our race until next year is just one of those obstacles that we all have to take in stride. The exciting news is that we're already planning for an incredible 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on June 6, 2021. I hope each and every one of you will defer your entries to next year and join us as we throw it back to the 1980s for our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We can't wait to see you!

Until then, keep running, stay safe, take care of yourself and your families, and be kind to one another.

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