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### **Tuckerman Inferno Pentathlon Paused, Exciting Course Redesign in the Works for its 25th Anniversary**

PINKHAM NOTCH, NEW HAMPSHIRE — Race officials have decided to pause the 2024 Tuckerman Inferno Pentathlon and focus on redesigning the event to celebrate its 25th anniversary next year.

"Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of the Tuckerman Inferno Pentathlon. We're working on significant changes and will announce a new course and format soon." Said Jake Risch, Inferno Race Director. "We are working to align the next iteration of the Tuckerman Inferno closer with the original concept of an Inferno, an extended ski race from the top of the mountain to the bottom of the valley floor below." Risch continued. "We will pay homage to its namesakes - the historic American Inferno of the 1930s and the original ongoing Murren Inferno in Switzerland started in 1928, while retaining the fun, multi-sport, team-based relay format that has made the Tuckerman Inferno Pentathlon so special for almost 25 years.

In order to focus on the detailed work of reimagining and rebuilding the Inferno, race officials made the difficult decision to pause the Inferno for 2024. Race officials and an Inferno crew intend to map, scout, and test new course stages while coordinating with new and returning venues and landowners along the route. "We appreciate the understanding of our racers, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters." Said Risch. "We want to be deliberate and thorough in our planning and bring you all the dialed, safe, well-staffed Inferno you've come to expect."

For 23 years, the Tuckerman Inferno Pentathlon has been the major annual fundraiser for the legacy Friends of Tuckerman Ravine (FOTR), a locally-based, member-supported, non-profit organization that sought to preserve and protect the unique alpine and sub-alpine eastern slopes of Mount Washington in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service.

In 2023, FOTR joined forces with the White Mountain Avalanche Education Foundation to form the Mount Washington Avalanche Center Foundation (MWACF). The Tuckerman Inferno will now be a significant fundraiser for MWACF, which states a mission of enhancing and expanding avalanche education opportunities, advocating for responsible and sustainable backcountry recreation in New Hampshire's unique alpine ecosystems, and expanding the reach of US Forest Service avalanche forecasts and messages.

[The American Inferno](#) was a legendary top-to-bottom ski race on Mount Washington in the 1930s made famous by Toni Matt's 1939 Schuss of the headwall of Tuckerman Ravine.

[The Murren Inferno](#) is the largest amateur ski race in the world, starting near the top of the Schilthorn in Murren, Switzerland, and descending 2170m and 15k to the valley floor in Lauterbrunnen. The course requires all-around skiing ability and includes on and off-piste skiing with several sections of uphill travel.

[The Tuckerman Inferno Pentathlon](#) was first run as the "Son of Inferno" in 2001 and has been run ever since as a five-event adventure relay race. Initially, the race consisted of Run, Kayak, Bike, Hike, and ski legs, finishing with a giant slalom course on Mount Washington. After a one-year break during the COVID-19 pandemic, the race returned in 2021 as a winter pentathlon with Fat Bike, XC Ski, Snow Shoe, Mountain Run/Uphill Ski, and SkiMo legs.

**For additional details on the progress of the 2025 Tuckerman Inferno, visit [www.tuckermaninferno.com](http://www.tuckermaninferno.com).**

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