



Dear Friends - These are very difficult times in Western North Carolina. If you live here, you know. If you don't and haven't been watching the news, Google Asheville storm damage and you will soon see what we are experiencing.

The remnants of Hurricane Helene inflicted damage that is beyond comprehension. Much of what we had is gone and won't be repaired or replaced quickly. This includes parts, if not all, of the Geysers Growl start, course and finish. For some perspective, those of you have raced here in the past will remember the event shelter where we hold packet pickup. During the height of the flooding, water was almost to the ceiling. Here is a picture of Hillman Beer in Old Fort taken yesterday. We don't know the condition of Mill Creek Road, as the roads are closed.



Most of us don't have electricity and cell service; water won't be restored to Asheville for a month. As you can imagine, running and racing are not high on the priority list but we are in that business and know it is important to you.

That said, we are not going to cancel the race, as that implies we have given up. We know there is so much work ahead but we are going to hold out hope it will happen sometime down the road.

I wish we could give refunds but that isn't possible at the moment. Instead, we will go back to our COVID processes and keep everyone registered, defer to you to 2025 or move you to one of our future events.

This running community is unbelievable and I know you will support us and our community during these times. We ask you to be patient with us, knowing we will do everything in our power to race again.

All the best!