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The Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run selects new Course Director

Continuing the legacy of developing, maintaining and refining one of the most iconic courses in ultrarunning, which was established by run founders John Cappis and Charlie Thorn, the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run is proud to announce that James Varner has been selected as Hardrock's new Course Director.

James brings 15 years of race and course directing experience to this position and has been involved with Hardrock as both a competitor and a volunteer. "I am honored to follow in the footsteps of Charlie Thorn and John Cappis, those are huge (running) shoes to fill. I am thrilled to be in a position to continue helping this run that I love so much. I've been volunteering and either pacing or running Hardrock pretty much every year since 2004 and from day one it became a huge part of my life for three main reasons: the beauty of the San Juans, the challenging course, and most of all, the people. I look forward to working with the staff, volunteers and land managers to do my part to keep alive the traditions that Charlie and John started and to continue giving folks a spectacular and demanding course to run for many years to come!" Varner said upon accepting his new position with Hardrock.

Run Director Dale Garland emphasized the value Varner will bring to Hardrock "Finding someone who is both skilled enough to manage the jewel that is the Hardrock course along and who understands the history and traditions of Hardrock was a challenge. We are very excited that James was selected because he has both the skills and the knowledge to fulfill this position extremely well."

About the Hardrock 100 Mile Endurance Run:

The Hardrock 100 Mile Endurance Run is an ultramarathon of 100.5 miles in length. It features 33,050 feet of climbing and 33,050 feet of descent for a total elevation change of 66,100 feet, running at an average elevation of over 11,000 feet. The race is held on a loop course, utilizing 4WD roads, dirt trails and cross country trails in Southern Colorado's San Juan mountain range. This course offers a graduate level challenge for endurance runners and is designed to provide extreme challenges in altitude, steepness and remoteness. Mountaineering, wilderness survival and wilderness navigation skills are as important in this event as endurance. Beginning in 1992, the Hardrock 100 Mile Endurance Run remains to this day, dedicated to the memory of those hardrock miners who made their living within the San Juan Mountains by connecting the historic mining towns of Silverton, Ouray, Telluride and Lake City.

For more information on the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run, visit our website hardrock100.com, find us on Facebook or Instagram or contact us at dale@hardrock100.com.