



Tommyknockers Tale

March 2026 Edition

We try to keep this short, sweet and entertaining. If there is anything in here that you need more information on or are curious about, just reach out to us at dale@hardrock100.com.



Hardrock Snow Report

The current snow forecast for the San Juans on March 1 can be best described as “in transition”. So far this year we’ve been in a La Niña pattern but it’s transitioning rapidly to a neutral condition. We saw the first manifestation of this transition in the healthy snowfall which arrived in Silverton during February (almost 35”!) which has basically saved the snow season.

While the San Juans are still only at about 50% of the average snowpack, the situation has moved from dire to just plain “bad”. All eyes will be on the weather in March to see if the San Juans will get the typical 25” of snow. Looking ahead, the long-term forecast indicates that we have a 50-60% chance of a new El Niño situation forming later this year. It is expected to be a rather strong El Niño which bodes well for a good snow season next winter, but a suppressed monsoon season this summer. Thus, it’s still too early to shelve fire-season concerns for Hardrock 2026. Fingers crossed for a snowy March!

See the snow pack details for yourself as measured at the [SNOTEL site](#) on top of Red Mountain Pass. Of special interest is the Snow Water Equivalent, which measures how much moisture is in the snowpack.

Hardrock Gives Back

Hardrock believes that giving back to the ultra community is important. We ask that each of you find a local ultra event and give 8 hours back. You can document your hours by filling out this [form](#). Please remember that your giving back needs to be completed by **June 15th** and your form must be returned to us by **June 22nd**. ***If we don’t have your service form by then, we’ll give your starting spot to someone on the waitlist.*** Also, did you know you can double check to make sure we have received it on our [entrants page](#)?



Say hello to Ouray

Each month we’d like to give our communities a chance to say hello to you. Here’s a welcome from the “Switzerland of America”, Ouray:

*Welcome to Ouray, runners, crews, volunteers, and families of the **Hardrock Hundred!** We’re honored to be part of this iconic race and to host such an inspiring community. For those not running, Ouray offers plenty to see and do—from soaking in hot springs to shopping, dining, and exploring—there’s something for everyone, and we’d love to help you plan your time here. If you need maps, recommendations, or other materials, don’t hesitate to contact the Ouray Visitor Center at 970-325-3954 or email Visit@cityofouray.com.*



Hardrock Zoom Sessions

This month’s zoom session is entitled “Physically preparing and training for Hardrock”. Join 17x Hardrock finisher Chris Twiggs on **Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00 MDT** as he welcomes his guests Jeff Browning, Anna Frost and Hannah Allgood as they share their training and preparation tips. Here’s the zoom [link](#). Have a question for the panelists? You can submit it [here](#). All sessions will also be recorded and available on our [YouTube Channel](#).



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Runners Manual and Course Description

We've begun to field questions about when the 2026 Runners Manual and Course Descriptions will be available. Generally speaking, we'll finish those up in late May and get them out in June. In the meantime, if you'd like a preview, here's the [2025 version](#).



Pacer signup sheet

Need a pacer? Know someone who wants to pace? Our [pacer signup sheet](#) is now active and available for you!



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Get 20% off all products on our US website. This offer is good through the end of 2026. Use code [HARDROCKLUBE2026](#)

Fun fact: There are 24 members of the [Hardrock Run Committee](#) and combined they have organized over 275 Hardrocks!!

Ways to stay in touch with Hardrock: Just a reminder, the best ways for you to keep up to date on what is happening with Hardrock are our [website](#), [listserv](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)

Hardrock is conducted on public lands under special permit from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service. Thank you to both for helping make Hardrock possible.

We acknowledge the land the Hardrock Hundred Endurance Run traverses is the ancestral homeland of the Ute, Puebloan and Diné people. Information about this land is often told from dominant perspectives, without full recognition of the original land stewards. We invite others to join us in this acknowledgment to heal, renew and reaffirm the First Nations' history and continued presence in Colorado and pay tribute to these traditional homelands and its people.