

FIREWEED 400 VEHICLE CHECK

Date	Official Inspector
Team Name	Team Crew Captain
Vehicle: Description and License Number	Cell Phone of Vehicle

INSPECTION CHECK LIST

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| _____ Less than 78" wide | _____ <i>SLOW MOVING VEHICLE</i> sign* |
| _____ Current license plates | _____ <i>CAUTION BICYCLE AHEAD</i> sign* |
| _____ Vehicle Registration | _____ Flashing light on Left Rear |
| _____ Vehicle Insurance Form | _____ Driving lights less than 48" high |

NOTES:

*Signs available for \$5 or \$7.50 at
Warning Lights of Alaska
591 W. 67th Avenue
(907) 562-2124

PACE VEHICLE OPERATION

1. Pace Vehicles must have a minimum of **two crew members** at all times.
2. The Pace Vehicle **headlights must be dimmed** in all situations, including approaching and overtaking traffic, as well as for oncoming traffic. Lights should also be dimmed if following slow moving traffic closer than 100 meters (300 ft.).
3. **Music and public address systems** may be installed, but their use must be curtailed in Glennallen, Valdez, and any residential areas, particularly during hours of darkness. "Walkman" pocket-size stereos are permitted though the **volume must be kept low** enough to hear sirens and/or voices from passing crew or official's vehicles. It is recommended that one speaker only be used in one ear.
4. The Pace Vehicle cannot lead the rider through fog or traffic. The **rider must stay in front of the Pace Vehicle**. Auxiliary vehicles cannot pace ahead of the rider at the rider's speed, but may drive ahead and pull off the roadway and wait for the rider.
5. Traveling alongside a rider for handing of food and supplies to the rider is not permitted, but traveling along side a rider to exchange information is permitted, limited to 1 minute per exchange and 4 times per hour. Inserting something into the rider's pocket, water bottle cage or making any bike or clothing adjustment between rider and moving support vehicle is not permitted.
6. When traveling alongside a rider, you **MUST NOT INTERFERE WITH THE NORMAL FLOW OF TRAFFIC IN EITHER DIRECTION**.
7. Remaining alongside longer than necessary in order to provide the rider an advantage against prevailing wind is prohibited.
8. To make hand-offs to a rider, the Pace Vehicle may proceed ahead of the rider, stop off of the pavement, and use a pedestrian handoff as the rider passes. If the rider has another support vehicle, it is recommended that this hand-off be made by a person from the other support vehicle.
9. A moving rider may toss water bottles to the roadside provided this is done in a safe manner. The crew of the Pace Vehicle or other Support Vehicle must pickup discarded water bottles. Riders shall not discard wrappers or litter.
10. The Pace Vehicle may not impede following traffic for more than 1 minute. The Pace Vehicle must pull off the road and let traffic pass when five or more vehicles are waiting to pass regardless of time. During hours of sufficient light, the rider may proceed alone with the Pace Vehicle catching up once traffic is clear. This is especially applicable when several riders may be climbing the same hill at the same time, causing a serious problem for oncoming and following traffic to proceed around the Pace Vehicles. However, between 11 PM and 5 AM the rider and pace vehicles must proceed together.
11. Pace Vehicles should follow their rider as far to the right of the lane as possible or on the paved shoulder. Under no circumstances will the Pace Vehicle pull ahead of a rider for the purpose of proceeding through an intersection to cause the traffic signal to change for the rider's benefit.
12. **Special attention by the Pace Vehicle drivers must be taken in passing situations when one rider overtakes another.** The rider and Pace Vehicle in the lead and getting passed must yield by slowly moving to the right. The following rider must accelerate and pass on the left. Always yield to the normal flow of traffic.
13. **If two riders decide to ride together (for up to 15 minutes)**, one of the Pace Vehicles shall follow both riders while the other Pace Vehicle shall remain parked on the side of the road or shall drive up ahead and stop. Under no circumstances should two or more Pace Vehicles of different riders caravan down the road or travel side by side at the speed of the riders. Both riders will be penalized.
14. **Traffic ALWAYS HAS THE RIGHT OF WAY** by tonnage if for no other reason.
15. Riders and support vehicles should **NEVER TURN AROUND IN THE ROAD or cross the midline**. The one RAAM fatality was caused by breaking this rule.