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Waldo 100K Trail Run Attracts Top Endurance Athletes

Now in its 16th year, the 62-mile ultramarathon begins a new chapter with Rainshadow Running

WILLAMETTE PASS, Ore. — The 16th running of Oregon's premier ultramarathon, [Waldo 100K](#), will take place on Saturday, Aug. 19 at [Willamette Pass Resort](#). A field of 135 starters will line up for this year's installment of the 62-mile trail run.

The competitive women's field includes Seabeck, Wash., runner Gina Slaby and returning Waldo champions Meghan Laws and Annie Rutledge. Other frontrunners include Camelia Mayfield from Bend, Ore., and Diana Fitzpatrick from Larkspur, Calif.

On the men's side, Jeff Mogavero of Klamath Falls, Ore., and Steve Slaby of Seabeck, Wash. will both be toeing the line. Mogavero recently won the 2017 McDonald Forest 50k and Slaby boasts a 100-mile personal best of 14:41:37.

"Waldo consistently draws a competitive field of runners and we're sure to witness some thrilling performances out there on the trail," said James Varner, race director and owner of Rainshadow Running. "This is a big year in the evolution of the race and we look forward to working with the army of volunteers who make this race possible."

This marks the first year Rainshadow Running has directed the race. Last August, the company [announced](#) it would be taking responsibility for event management duties for Waldo Ultras — the non-profit 501(c)(3) that has conducted the race since 2002 and continues to be the race steward.

Waldo 100k has developed a reputation as a race that offers extreme challenges. With approximately 11,000 feet of climbing and an equal amount of descending, the mountainous loop course covers mostly single-track trails. Competitors must reach the summits of 7,144-foot Fuji Mountain and 7,818-foot Maiden Peak before descending back to the central staging area at the base of the Willamette Pass Resort.

Waldo Ultras maintains ownership of Waldo 100k and conducts extensive trail stewardship on the race course and the surrounding area. The Waldo organization provides the majority of the volunteers who staff the race. Waldo 100k remains a fundraiser for the [Willamette Pass Ski Patrol](#). The race has generated close to \$80,000 for the non-profit organization and contributed substantially to the local economy.

"Since its inception, Waldo 100k trail volunteers have cleared 100s of trees each year from the trails used in the race and others in the area," said Waldo co-founder and former race director Craig Thornley. "Trail stewardship, volunteerism and other founding principles remain strong at Waldo. We look forward to seeing some familiar faces out there this year and welcoming some new ones."

About Waldo Ultras

[Waldo Ultras](#) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation that conducts the Waldo 100K which operates under a special use permit with Willamette and Deschutes National Forests, and is an equal opportunity outdoor recreation service provider. For more information, go to waldo100k.org.

About Rainshadow Running

Rainshadow Running has been offering top-notch destination trail races in the beautiful Northwest since 2006. The company showcases world-class courses on stunning trails that highlight the best this region has to offer. For more information, go to www.rainshadowrunning.com.

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