Boise County Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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Event communication services:

When the Boise County Amateur Radio Club (BCARC) is asked to assist with event communications our main focus is to provide backup communications for event officials and to aid and assist with emergency communications needs. We do not have the capability to provide full events communications. Since the amateur radio community is a community of volunteers and as such, these services are limited to the number of amateur radio operators we can muster for your event. We cannot and will not accept monetary compensation for our services. We can provide the following services:

1) Point to point emergency communications traffic handling.

• Coordinate with event officials, EMT personnel, and/or law enforcement officials the vectoring of emergency personnel and equipment.

• Handle communications traffic for emergency personnel if needed.

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2) Limited event logistics communications traffic.

• We can provide monitoring of event official communications traffic and help with communications relay when possible.

• We can pass messages to/from event officials to/from check point or sweep officials.

• We can set up shadow communication stations at key event checkpoints or road crossings. This is to aid the event officials and/or EMT personnel at that site in case of event communications break down, emergency, or overload.

• We can help with **secondary** participant number logging.

• We can if needed, communicate on race frequencies, if we have the equipment and it is an emergency.

3) Event participant welfare traffic and message handling.

• Pass communications between event officials and requestor when there are questions regarding the welfare of event participants by family, crew, or friends of that participant.

Planning and engaging:

In order to maximize the communications coverage and service we will provide we would request most if not all of the following information.

1) Time

• Since the amateur radio community is a community of volunteers, the more advance notice you give us to plan, the more coverage we can provide.

2) Contact information

• We need a contact person for the particular event with which we are being asked to assist. This person must be someone who is familiar with all aspects of the event or is able to be a liaison with the individual who is. Contact name and phone number: _____

• EMT liaison contact name and phone number (if possible) _____

3) Race communications information

• We need to know what equipment will be used and what frequencies will be used, if known. This will assist us in evaluating and planning how to deploy our communications resources to best augment yours. Equipment, Frequencies, and tones:_____

• Use of a portable unit for use during the duration of the event if possible.

4) Documentation

• Maps – The maps you provide BCARC should include checkpoints (preferably with GPS coordinates), directions of travel of event participants, and path of the event course.

• Checkpoints – We need to know what will be at each checkpoint: EMT, race officials, gas, water, food, shelter, communications, etc. Name of checkpoints that will be used by race officials. Also, we must be provided directions on how to get to each of the checkpoints via foot or vehicle.

• Schedule – When does the event start. When you expect it to end. How long do you expect event participants to take to go from one checkpoint to the next.

Start Time:_____ Estimated completion time:_____

Please use this document as a checklist for the services you wish BCARC to provide, and where appropriate, please include required information (such as liaison individual, start/stop times, etc.)

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