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Hi to the California Triple Crown Ride Organizers and Team ...

After much thought and discussion, we see the following problems with trying to run the California Triple Crown Stage Race in 2020 with actual Double Century events:

- 1 – Since the clock is running, the Stage Race encourages drafting which can easily spread COVID-19.
- 2 - Since the clock is running, the Stage Race encourages fast Rest Stops which could well mean a lack of social distancing no matter how careful the Rest Stops are organized thereby easily spreading COVID-19.
- 3 – Like the recent discovery by the organizers of the Alta Alpina 8 Pass Challenge, there is a good chance that the authorities may not approve the permits or may pull them at the last minute if there is a surge in COVID-19.

We don't believe running the California Triple Crown Stage Race virtually makes sense because everyone would be on a different course on different days with different conditions and different support.

Therefore, the 2020 California Triple Crown Stage Race has been cancelled. We look forward to the 2021 California Triple Crown Stage Race with the same three Double Centuries: Mulholland, Central Coast, and Carmel Valley.

We were hoping that there would be some breakthroughs with COVID-19 by now but the reality is that COVID-19 will be with us at least through 2020. We hope and pray that there will be a vaccine but it won't be anytime soon.

We look forward to the day when we can all gather and share miles on these challenges together.

Please stay safe by riding the safest routes you can find either solo or with the healthiest people you know at a good distance. May we all stay healthy!!

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