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Cornwall, VT - The Branbury Classic Triathlon to be held on Sunday, August 28, 2011 out of Branbury State Park has been cancelled due to the predictions and weather forecasts for the dangerous storm that is Hurricane Irene. Though there are conflicting forecasts regarding the timing and severity of the storm here in northern New England there is one common theme, the storm must be taken seriously and appropriate precautions taken beginning Saturday night and on into Monday. All forecasts are calling for heavy rains and damaging winds. In light of the hurricane and its obvious unpredictability we made the difficult decision to cancel the race. Though we cannot possibly predict the weather on race day we do understand that many athletes travel from out of state (or significant distance from the race venue) and therefore the decision had to be made sooner rather than later.

We have never cancelled an event due to weather in over 20 plus years of organizing races. With that said, there has never been a hurricane forecasted to hit our region on race day. I expect there are mixed feelings regarding the cancellation but hope that you all understand my responsibility as a race director is to make decisions that best ensure the safety of all involved. Priority number one is your safety and the safety of the large number of volunteers, staff members and other hired personnel associated.

See you next year!

Jerrod Rushton
Race Director