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2007 Teva U.S. Mountain Running Team Announced

Colorado Springs, CO ----- Seventeen athletes representing eight states will race on the Teva U.S. Mountain Running Team at the 23rd World Mountain Running Trophy in Saillon, Ovronnaz, Switzerland, on Saturday, September 15, 2007.

The women's team includes gold medallists from the 2006 team **Rachael Cuellar, 25, Albuquerque, NM**, and **Chris Lundy, 36, Sausalito, CA** and 2004 bronze medallists **Laura Haefeli, 39, Del Norte, CO**, and **Anita Ortiz, 43, Eagle, CO**. The top three finishers score for the team.

The men's team will be led by eight-time team member **Paul Low, 33, Belchertown, MA**. Joining Low will be six-time team member **Simon Gutierrez, 41, Alamosa, CO**, two-time team members **Rickey Gates, 26, Boulder, CO**, and **Shiloh Mielke, 27, Weaverville, NC**, and newcomers **Clint Wells, 32, Boulder, CO**, and **Payton Batliner, 23, Boulder, CO**. The top four finishers score for the team.

Juniors must be at least 16 and not yet 20 in the year of competition. The USA squad includes 2005 team members **Jonny Stevens, 18, Vail, CO**, and **Christian Thompson, 19, Candor, NY**, 2006 team member **Zach Rivers, 17, Victor, NY**, and newcomer **Alex Jodidio, 17, a U.S. citizen living in Grimentz, Switzerland**. The top three score.

The junior women's team includes 2005 team member **Katherine Helmerick, 18, Cheyenne, WY**, and newcomers **Anna Lieb, 19, Golden, CO**, and **Maria Dalzot, 19, Morgantown, WV**. The top two score for the team.

Team manager Nancy Hobbs, Colorado Springs, CO, team leader Richard Bolt, Portland, Oregon, team manager for the juniors Dave Dunham, Bradford, MA, and women's team manager Ellen Miller, Vail, CO will accompany the team to Switzerland.

This year's Trophy races are up/down events (as opposed to even-numbered years when the events are held on uphill courses) with the senior men running three loops of the 4.050 kilometer course for a distance of just over 12km, the senior women and junior men running two loops of the 4.050 course for a distance slightly over 8km, while the junior women run one loop of the course at 4.050km.

Biographies and photos of each team member will be distributed in early August.

For additional information visit the websites listed below:

USA Mountain Running Championships

www.whitemountainmilers.com

USA Trail Championships

www.runningseries.com

Teva Mountain Trophy Race

www.trailrunner.com

World Mountain Running Association

www.wmra.info

USA Track & Field

www.usatf.org

World Mountain Trophy 2007

www.coursedes2bains.org/presentation-wt07-fr.html

American Trail Running Association

www.trailrunner.com

Teva

www.teva.com

SportHill Clothing

www.sporthill.com

180s performance gear

www.180s.com

FuelBelt, Inc.

www.fuelbelt.com

Fleet Feet Sports-Boulder

www.fleetfeetboulder.com

Windermere Real Estate Teton Valley

www.juliebryan.mywindermere.com

Youth Runner (Junior Team Partner)

www.youthrunner.com

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