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To all Ironman squad leaders:

It is with a heavy heart I let you know we will be cancelling the Berlin Conservation Club's Ironman shoot this year. "The shoot must go on" is in our DNA, and this will be the first time in 26 years that the Labor Day Weekend event will not take place.

Preparations for the Ironman start in May. As we considered the gravity of the Coronavirus, I didn't believe it would affect our shoot in September. However, it became apparent we would likely see a new problem in getting enough volunteers for the shoot. As most of you know, this shoot needs between 60 and 80 volunteers. With our volunteer pool cut in half this year, it was likely we would not have the required number needed. I also foresaw a problem with social distancing for the signups and the periods immediately following completion of each flight. After talking with other people involved with the Ironman, it became clear that shooters' safety and the lack of volunteers would be a double whammy. I recently presented my concerns to the Board, and they agreed that the lack of volunteers would be a definite problem. With that in mind, they approved not holding the Ironman this year.

Though it's true that our Labor Day Ironman shoot will no longer take place as we intended, we hope you will join us in 2021 to celebrate a return to normalcy and to the comradery the shooting world is well known for. There will be further communications next year as plans for the 26<sup>th</sup> Ironman begin to come together.

We thank everyone for their understanding.

Sincerely,

Steve Beres  
Tournament Director