NWT 2020 Driver & Passenger Protocol

This summer NWT has two vehicles for field work, Goldie and a rental vehicle (white Chevy Tahoe, LP# 500), which will reside at the MRS. During phase I, a driver and one passenger are allowed at one time in each vehicle. During transport, vehicle windows must be down, both driver and passenger must wear masks, and the passenger must ride in the farthest back seat in order to maintain 6 feet of separation between passenger and driver.

Vehicle use priority will generally be given to:
1. People working in GLV, particularly at GL4 or beyond and on days when heavy equipment or samples must be carried in and/or out.
2. People with injuries or medical conditions that make the hike between cable gate and the MRS more difficult or dangerous.

If either of these conditions applies to you, please email Jane Smith at least one week in advance of the planned field work to coordinate vehicle use. Jane will add vehicle, destination, and driver and passenger information to the teamup calendar; this information will appear at the top of each calendar day. If you have arranged to use a vehicle and your plans change, please let Jane know ASAP. If you need to drive but are not comfortable sharing a vehicle with a passenger, please specify this in your email to Jane.

On days that no one meeting the above conditions requests to use a vehicle, we will rotate through other interested users, prioritizing based on the number of days a potential user has/will hike up that week.

Even if you are not a vehicle driver or passenger, vehicles will be available to help everyone with transporting equipment up to cable gate. If your equipment will easily fit in the back of a vehicle, please check the teamup calendar in advance to see which vehicles will be going where each day and contact the driver to confirm plans. You may then place the equipment you wish to be transported in the appropriate vehicle before 7:15 am.

If you have special equipment that you would like help transporting via some other means, please email Jen Morse to coordinate.

To compensate for the longer travel time to cable gate hiking from the MRS, we encourage people to start hiking no later than 6:45 am. In order to coordinate equipment transportation between hikers and vehicle users, vehicles should leave the MRS for cable gate at 7:15 am.

When not in use, vehicle keys should be kept inside the gas tank access door. Please be sure to leave the gate key in the vehicle cup holder/console at all times unless actively being used to unlock the gate. (In the case of an emergency in which access beyond Cable Gate is needed, the same key will work to open this gate). Drivers and passengers must both sign the vehicle log and follow cleaning instructions before and after vehicle use.