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SUBARU ANNOUNCES FOUR-CAR LINEUP FOR NITRO RALLYCROSS

Camden, N.J., Aug 8, 2019 - Subaru Motorsports USA today announced a world-class four-driver effort for Nitro World Games' Nitro Rallycross (NRX) event, featuring Travis Pastrana, Nitro Circus mastermind and Subaru rally driver, making his 2019 rallycross debut alongside teammates Scott Speed, Patrik Sandell and Chris Atkinson. All four drivers will compete in identically prepared 2019 WRX STI rallycross supercars at Utah Motorsports Campus, August 16-17.

The inaugural NRX event in 2018 demonstrated the excitement of Pastrana's high-flying take on rallycross, with banked dirt corners, multiple line options and a huge tri-level jump – all from the mind of the motocross legend and five-time U.S. national rally champion. The layout that Pastrana called "Hell track for cars" is back for 2019, with tweaks to deliver even more exciting racing. The Subaru Motorsports USA team also comes back bigger and better, with its full-time three-driver lineup from the Americas Rallycross (ARX) campaign riding a wave of success. Reigning ARX champion Scott Speed currently leads the 2019 title chase with teammates Atkinson and Sandell tied for third, and all three drivers have notched event wins through the first four rounds of the season.

"I'm excited for all the drivers to get on the course this year," said Pastrana. "We had time to dial it in and work on the problem areas from our first event. The berms got bigger and we added some jumps, but the cars should sustain much less damage. Add that excitement to the success of my Subaru teammates so far in the rallycross season and I feel like we are in a great position! No matter what the outcome, all the drivers are going to be challenged and the fans are in for a treat!"

"Last year's Nitro event was a real showcase of the potential for rallycross in America," said William Stokes, Motorsports Manager for Subaru of America. "Even though we didn't get the results we wanted in the final, it was obvious that our guys were quick on the NRX track. With four seriously fast drivers and the pace of the WRX STI this year, we're heading to Utah feeling like the team to beat."

Travis Pastrana will be back in a Subaru WRX STI rally car just days after Nitro World Games wraps up as he and teammate David Higgins face off at Minnesota's Ojibwe Forests Rally, August 23-24. Atkinson, Sandell and Speed will return to rallycross action at Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas on September 28.

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