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## SUBARU RALLY TEAM USA ANNOUNCES DRIVER ENTRIES FOR RED BULL GRC SEATTLE ROUND

Cherry Hill, N.J., Sep 12, 2016 - Subaru Rally Team USA confirmed today a two car entry for the upcoming Global Rallycross Championship round in Seattle, Washington. The team will field 7-time Rally America National Champion David Higgins sponsored by Dirtfish Rally School alongside former Subaru World Rally Team driver Chris Atkinson who is sponsored by Subaru Tecnica International. The duo with compete in 2016 WRX STI rallycross cars prepared by team technical partners Vermont SportsCar and Subaru Tecnica International (STI). The Seattle GRC round takes place September 16-17 at Evergreen Speedway near Seattle, Washington.

Coming fresh from a hard-fought rally championship battle with SRTUSA teammate Travis Pastrana, Higgins will enter his first RBGRC round of the 2016 season. Higgins' entry in the Seattle GRC round came about via support from team partner Dirtfish Rally School, the official Subaru driving school partner featuring WRX STI and BRZ rally cars.

"I can't wait to get back into a GRC car, it's been a busy rally season and so I haven't had much time in the GRC car, "explains Higgins. "The Subaru team has been working very hard all season developing the car and there is nothing I would like more than to repay them with a good result, especially in Seattle where the team has so many fans. Huge thanks to Dirtfish for helping to make it happen, they have been a sponsor of mine and of the team for some time and to be able to race nearby their school will be great fun."

Subaru driver Chris Atkinson made a strong rallycross debut at the previous GRC round in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The former Subaru World Rally Team driver, with over 70 WRC starts in his career including 41 stage wins and six podiums, had never raced in rallycross before but seemed right at home, qualifying 6th fastest overall and finishing in 3rd position in his Semi-Final race to move on to the hotly contested Final. A tire puncture on the opening lap scrum stymied Atkinson's result in the Final.

"It was great fun in Atlantic City and I felt at home in the car pretty quickly, we had a good result beside the tire puncture so I'm really looking forward to taking it another step in Seattle. I think the Seattle track should suit us well," explained Atkinson.

Tickets remain on sale for Red Bull Global Rallycross Seattle, coming this September 16-17 at Evergreen Speedway. Click here to purchase tickets for the event. The race will be shown on Sunday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m. ET on NBC and streamed on Sunday, September 18 at 2 p.m. ET on Red Bull TV.

Full coverage of Subaru Rally Team USA is available on the Subaru Motorsports App. To download from the

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## **About Subaru Rally Team USA**

Subaru Rally Team USA is managed by Vermont SportsCar and proudly supported by <u>Subaru of America, Inc.,Subaru Tecnica International (STI)</u>, <u>Method Race Wheels</u>, <u>DirtFish Rally School</u>, <u>DMACK Tires</u>,<u>PIAA</u>.

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