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## **SUBARU ANNOUNCES RETURN OF TRAVIS PASTRANA AND BRANDON SEMENUK FOR 2021 RALLY SEASON**

Camden, N.J., Feb 16, 2021 - Subaru Motorsports USA today announced the return of rally drivers Travis Pastrana and Brandon Semenuk for the 2021 American Rally Association (ARA) season. After collecting seven podiums and a pair of event wins in the pandemic-shortened 2020 season, the pair will return to their blue and gold WRX STI Open Class rally cars February 20 at Michigan's Sno\*Drift Rally to kick off a planned nine-round ARA campaign. Co-drivers Rhianon Gelsomino and John Hall will also be back for 2021.

Travis Pastrana, an action sports legend and seventeen-time X Games medalist, seeks his sixth overall U.S. rally title in 2021 after four straight Rally America titles from 2006-2009 and the inaugural ARA championship in 2017.

"2020 wasn't the season any of us hoped for, but 2021 is shaping up to be exciting," said Pastrana. "Brandon and I had a lot of fun last year in only a few events, so getting back to rally full-time this year is something I've really been looking forward to! Great to be back at Sno\*Drift this year too. I've won here three times, so I'm hoping this year will be number four."

Brandon Semenuk, one of the world's preeminent freeride mountain bike stars and a five-time Red Bull Rampage winner, will be looking for his first title in only his second year in the top class of U.S. rallying. His 2020 debut season brought four straight podiums, a rally win and a second-place finish in the ARA championship.

"Last year was all about learning for me," said Semenuk. "I started out focusing on getting my pace up to see if I could run with the top guys in the series, and ended up on the podium at every rally—plus I got my first U.S. win. This year I'm going in knowing I can be quick in the car, and I've won several snow rounds in Canada, so Sno\*Drift sets up really well for me."

Sno\*Drift itself marks a significant return for the Subaru team, which last contested the iconic winter round in 2016. This year, with the event moving to February and an updated one-day format, Pastrana and Semenuk will take to the snowy roads of northern Michigan to kick off a campaign aimed at capturing Subaru's fourteenth overall U.S. rally title.

### **2021 SUBARU MOTORSPORTS USA RALLY SCHEDULE**

#### **Round 1: Sno\*Drift Rally**

February 20

**Round 2: 100 Acre Wood Rally**

March 19-20

**Round 3: DirtFish Olympus Rally**

April 24-25

**Round 4: Oregon Trail Rally**

May 21-23

**Round 5: Southern Ohio Forest Rally**

June 19-20

**Round 6: New England Forest Rally**

July 30-31

**Round 7: Ojibwe Forests Rally**

August 27-28

**Round 8: Susquehannock Trail Performance Rally**

September 17-18

**Round 9: Lake Superior Performance Rally**

October 15-16

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