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## Subaru Rally Team USA Arrives At The Rally In The 100 Acre Wood With Confidence

Salem, MO, Feb 23, 2012 - Subaru Rally Team USA driver and defending Rally America National Champion David Higgins is full of confidence ahead of this weekend's Rally in the 100 Acre Wood, round two of the 2012 Rally America National Championship, after completing two days of gravel testing this week at the wheel of his #75 Subaru WRX STI. Higgins, from the Isle of Man, is ready to battle nearly 70 top rally teams on over 100 miles of fast yet technical gravel roads that twist through central Missouri's majestic Ozark foothills.

After an impressive victory last month in the snow and ice at the opening round of the Rally America series, the Sno\*Drift rally, Higgins and his co-driver Craig Drew will be going for the win in Missouri this weekend to further extend their championship points lead. The two-day Rally in the 100 Acre Wood is based in Salem, Missouri and the competitive stages will take place Feb. 24-25.

"The feeling with our Subaru is very good," explained Higgins. "During testing this week we made some great progress and found some speed on the faster sections, which will be crucial at this event. Our goal is always to win, but I'm mindful that we are looking at the big picture and need to secure championship points first and foremost."

The competition will be fierce at the 100 Acre Wood Rally with entries from multi-time Polish Rally Champion Krzysztof Holowczyc, former Subaru Rally Team USA driver Ken Block who is a five-time winner of the event, as well as Higgins' perennial challenger Antoine L'Estage, the 2011 Canadian Rally Champion.

The Rally in the 100 Acre Wood will begin at 12:00pm on Friday, Feb. 24, with a Parc Expose followed by 45 miles of competitive stages. The action begins again on the morning of Saturday, Feb. 25 with a further 66 miles of stages. Fans can catch live event video streaming and video recaps, as well as regularly updated stage times, and results at Rally-America.com, and team photo and video updates at Subaru.com/rally.

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