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ARWC: Thursday night news - Friday, 13 November 2009

News from Alex

In terms of the race, I'm nervous about this cutoff. Our tracker died at 9h00 this morning, so we have no idea when to expect them. They have to be out of our assistance area by 24h00 (is 20h45 here). If they make the cutoff they will do a ~12km hike to a ~50km paddle to a big MTB. If they miss the cutoff, they have to carry on biking to the start of the big MTB, skipping the hike and paddle. So they would be on bikes since about 10h00 this morning. It could be a really long bike leg.

There aren't many short cuts on the proper course that we can use to make up lots of time. Having said that, many CPs are split into A, B, and C. To get 1 CP you must punch all 3. So even though they aren't far off the course to the next transition, it is time consuming to get them.

Nic and Ryno are going to have to be on form to play this one right. I think the pressure of cut-offs will be stopping them from sleeping. So far they've had ~2h on Tuesday night. They might have slept after we saw them last night.

In terms of position, we know the standings after stage 3. It finished last night. We are 18th with 23 CP's. 10th position has 25 CP's. First is Nike with 31. Helly Hansen, Buff and Orion follow with 30. Optionals aren't counting for much at the moment.

Exciting and tense times. Hopefully they come in soon. And hopefully they're not completely knackered and can finish strongly.

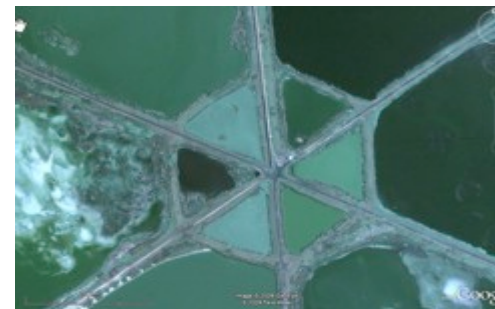
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