

I took part in the Kimberly Ultramarathon, and would like to contribute the little information I have available.

I'll start off by stating I'm unaware of the majority of the day's events (particularly the timeline of events) as I was further along in the field running with fellow competitor Samantha Gash, however when we did pass the fire and it was roughly 100 metres from the course (and moving towards it).

At 12:30pm (approximately 29kms and 3:40:58 hrs into the race) we arrived at the Barrels, between checkpoint 2 and 3, (GPS coordinates 15.85899°S, 128.31971°E) where we encountered RacingThePlanet race officials (the first officials we had seen since the fire). We expressed concern about the fire being dangerously close to the course and something needed to be done. I cannot remember the exact conversation that took place, but Sam and I expressed our concerns for other participants running through that area.

This is all the information that I can accurately provide. I hope it is of some use to you.

Please note the attached GPS file will be 2 hours ahead as my watch was configured for AEST.

Kind Regards

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