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### **Cancellation of the 2020 Annual Pioneer Days Parade**

**ELLENSBURG, WA – June 5, 2020** – The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce remains committed to the health and well-being of our members and community. After much deliberation with our Board of Directors, the Kittitas County Public Health Department, the City of Cle Elum and Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce regrets to inform the cancellation of the 2020 Annual Pioneer Days Parade.

“WSDOT will not be issuing permits for such events until the respective county’s within Phase 4 of the Governor’s ‘phased approach’ to re-opening the State during the evolution of this pandemic,” stated WSDOT Special Events & MIS Representative Brad Cuillier.

Instead, the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce will be developing a virtual parade video to share on Independence Day. If your organization or group is interested in participating in the virtual parade, email Director of Tourism and Events Madison Ford at [madison@kittitascountychamber.com](mailto:madison@kittitascountychamber.com) for the details. The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce will also still be holding the Annual Fireworks Show on July 4, 2020 at 9 p.m. at Memorial Park in Cle Elum. This traditional event will bring the community of Cle Elum together to celebrate independence and the challenges Kittitas County has overcome in 2020.

The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce is working closely with the Kittitas County Public Health Department and the City of Cle Elum to ensure the safety of attendees and staff. To maintain social distancing, the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce asks families to stay inside their own vehicles, or in the bed of their vehicles at this time. For those that cannot attend, the Fireworks Show will be broadcasted live on Inland Networks’ local channel and on the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Alpha Pyrotechnics for being the fireworks vendor, as they always provide an outstanding performance. For more information, please email our Director of Tourism and Events Madison Ford at [madison@kittitascountychamber.com](mailto:madison@kittitascountychamber.com).

**About the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce:** The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce is the largest business support and development organization in Kittitas County, and one of the largest in Central Washington. With just over 500 members representing every business sector, the Chamber and its committees oversee county-wide tourism promotion and economic development initiatives and a range of business support tools including publications, web services, seminars and even leadership development for a new generation.

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