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PRESS RELEASE

7th Glacier Bike Downhill Race in Saas-Fee

From 3'500m down to 1'800m

On 6th March, the Glacier Bike Downhill will take place for the seventh time in Saas-Fee. As in a usual ride over hill and dale this race goes rather over ice and snow down to the glacier village. Next to the revolving restaurant around 120 riders will start at the same time. Enthralling fights for positions during the first half of the run are guaranteed.

The mass start is on the Mittelallalin station at an altitude of 3'500m and goes down over the snowy and icy slopes to the glacier village at 1'800m. The riders have to manage 1'700 metres of altitude difference and 8 km of distance. First they ride on a narrow trail along the Fee glacier, which leads them to the panorama hill. For less experienced racers this is a real challenge. The hill is steep and has to be crossed at high speed. High velocities of about 144 h/km have been measured per GPS on that part of the trail.

Valley run Morenia

Further down, the ride leads past the restaurant Morenia before entering the Valley run. This is going to be a very exciting part with extremely steep passages, flat transits and narrow curves, a real assessment for the rider and his material. The last part of the ride, a very flat passage, needs strength to be managed. The decision who is going to be the winner is often taken during this part of the race.

The finish area

Shortly before the finish the way becomes a little steeper again. After reaching the desired end of the race, the award ceremony will take place. The winners receive a weekend in Saas-Fee for two persons including ski passes. For the positions 2 to 6 a surprise gift will be provided.

Accreditation media: www.saasfee.ch/glacierbike/Akkreditierung_en.pdf

For more information and inscription visit: www.saas-fee.ch/glacierbike

Program:

Slope visitation:	Friday, 5 th March 2010 at 15.30h Alpin Express (with bike, skis or snowboard)
Race office:	Friday, 5 th March 2010 from 15.00h to 20.00h at Alpin Express.
Riders meeting:	Friday, 5 th March 2010 at 19.00h at the Alpin Express
Race date:	Saturday, 6 th March 2010
Start time:	08.30h (mass start)
Category:	women / men
Entry fee:	CHF 60.–
Side events:	11.00 am bike park to try 11.30 am concert DMP Punk Rock Band from Basel 22.00 pm Party in the “Living Room” Saturday 6th March 2010

Facts and figures

Signs including spaces and leads: 1'683

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Pictures and legends:

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www.saas-fee.ch/wetter/start.jpg mass start at the revolving restaurant.

www.saasfee.ch/glacierbike/gbd1.jpg A race along the feeglacier.

www.saasfee.ch/glacierbike/bike2.jpg head on head race.

www.saasfee.ch/glacierbike/bike1.jpg 1'700m of altitude change.

www.saas-fee.ch/wetter/panoramahang.jpg The steep panorama slope a challenge.

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