

## **James Phipps**

Hoka Hey Organizers,

From the bottom of my heart I want to say thank you for this event. When you guys said "challenge," you really meant it! You have given me memories and a sense of accomplishment that will last me a lifetime. I'm very proud that I completed the challenge and that I did it without the use of a windshield. It had been a long time since I've been challenged on a personal level; whenever I considered stopping I remembered something my Dad taught me that I am now passing on to my children, "You start it, You finish it!" That got me through many a day and got me all the way through to the finish line. I hope you do not let any of the crybabies and whiners bother you or take away from the good things you have accomplished. You have done a very positive thing for a great many people and you should be very proud of yourselves! It was a pleasure to meet Jim, Beth and everyone else involved. A special thanks to Chief Red Cloud for opening his home to us. I wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors and wish Mr. Red Cloud all the success in the world in getting his people water. I hope we did Hoka Hey proud. Again, my sincerest thanks and appreciation for this challenge, which has given me lifetime memories far more valuable than \$500,000. My congratulations to the winner(s), whomever they may be and my congratulations to you for putting on one outstanding challenge!

~ James Phipps

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