



Dear Backwoods Family,

We have been thinking about this since the news broke and seeing our fellow festivals and music venues postponing and canceling their events due to COVID-19. We work all year for 4 days of fun, and while originally we thought we might be far enough out not to be affected, things are getting too close for the safety of our event. The last thing we want to do is to have to write something like this.

With that being said, we will be postponing Backwoods at Mulberry Mountain until April 2021.

We decided to move to April for the various reason listed below:

1. We realize that the fall season is going to be oversaturated with events that have been rescheduled, along with the original already scheduled fall events. We wanted to make sure everyone can enjoy everything they have already planned for fall, give some breathing space to get back to normal, and not miss out on any other events due to the financial stress this is putting on all of us.
2. Artists will also be very busy in the fall due to all the rescheduling, and we want to keep the same lineup as much as possible (maybe adding some surprises!) This will give us the best chances for that.
3. We believe we will be clearly out of the woods with this crisis by then.
4. With the CDC recommending no crowds larger than 50 people for the next 8 weeks (until May 10th), this will put us too close to make the call after the 8 week period if we were still needed to postpone due to the virus. Making a call so close to our event is not fair to all of you, our vendors, staff, crew, and other supporters who already may have made plans or blocked their calendars.

Backwoods is a small family owned business, and this one event is our sole focus annually; it is painful for us to make this decision. However our primary concern is the safety and health of all of you, our vendors, artists, staff, crew, and supporters. This has put everyone in a tough spot, but we will all come out of this and life will return to normal. The last thing we want to do right now is put any more stress on the city of Ozark, the state of Arkansas, our emergency response teams, or any other state you may be traveling from. This is a time to take care of people. We should take the opportunity to realize what is important and enjoy the things we already have, not what we go seeking.

We will be announcing the specific dates soon. All tickets pre-purchased for the upcoming June dates will be honored for the new dates in April of 2021. Please contact info@backwoodsmusicfestival.com with any questions.

Love and Light,

Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is "Javi" and the second is "Will".

Javi & Will