**Patagonia 600k Support Plan Thoughts**

1. **Control Items**:
   1. **Start/Overnight/Finish**: Motels, 24 hour Walmart, IHOP, Circle K, QuikTrip
      1. Ride Start @ 05:00 -> 04:30 may be better for Sonoita Open times, 3 points still okay. That way early, is it likely someone will be that close to the close time at the 300k mark? If so, could they substitute an Info control (time the Dollar General Closes?).
   2. **3 Points Control** Opens @ 06:46: Store Opens 06:00
   3. **Sonoita Control** Closes @ 22:24: Mercantile Closes 19:00, Steak House Closes 22:00 Dollar General is open until 2200 also.
   4. **Sahuarita**: Taco Bell & Carl’s Jr Close midnight, Denny’s & Circle K Open 24 hrs.
   5. **Picacho Peak**: Services open 07:00-20:00.
      1. Riders riding thru the night will need to manage water/food overnight.
      2. Info Control, i.e. Price of Unleaded gas
   6. **Other Controls** have 24 hour services
   7. **Finish control**: Unstaffed
2. Suggested Support provided:
   1. Breakfast items on Saturday. Coffee, pastry, banana, water.
      1. **TBD**: I wonder if one of the hotels might open early for us. Would need to be 04:00. Yikes. Again, if we are driving down Saturday morning that is an early start!
   2. Lunch in Amada or Rio Rico
      1. Rio Rico would be preferred since it’s a control. But it is open until 18:24. The overnight location Opens at 17:18 and it’s about 1 hour drive from Rio Rico to Marana. This may not be an issue since it’s unlikely for any riders to arrive at the 400k mark before 20:00. **Thoughts**? Rico Rico would be closer to dinner, but I think a control point is preferred. Regarding the Overnight opening, if someone is arriving that early (Canadians) they will likely get a decent meal nearby and take a long nap and won’t be pressing for a short nap. The folks arriving after midnight will be the ones looking for a quick meal and hitting the sack.
   3. Dinner in Marana: In the hotel room. Something easy to purchase, store, serve. A crockpot of soup and sandwiches/wraps might be easy enough. Snacks, soda, water, etc. **Thoughts**? I like the soup sandwiches/wraps idea.
   4. Breakfast in Marana on Sunday: Hot water, instant oatmeal, coffee, pastries, pocket food, bananas, water
      1. **TBD**: Again, I wonder if the hotel breakfast may be available at 05:00 on Sunday
   5. Snacks / happy face in Oracle: Staffed with some breakfast foods, perhaps BK food again (chicken nuggets, hash browns). Coffee, water, bananas, snacks, muffins, salty snacks, ???
   6. Finish control: Unstaffed. Stamped envelope for riders to send the cards back. Not ideal, but unless everyone leaves at roughly the same time Sunday morning it’s not practical to staff it. Agreed