

Gary Johnson

Backcountry Magazine endorses Gary Johnson.

Given the current state of affairs in this country Backcountry Magazine is taking an unprecedented step and endorsing a candidate for the presidency of these United States. We feel that in these uncertain economic times we need a leader who truly understands the pain we felt last winter, a leader with executive experience where it matters. In fact, we need more than just a leader. We need someone with iron strong convictions, someone who won't give up over the long course, someone who can carry this country forward. And most importantly, we need someone who shares in our beliefs.

Governor Johnson grew his construction company from a single employee (himself) to over a thousand. Johnson strongly advocates for a limited Federal government and pledges to cut military spending by at least 43% in his first term. Besides being anti-war, Johnson is also anti-prohibition, anti-Patriot Act, and against regulation of the Internet. Johnson is for an amendment to the constitution to repeal DOMA. But that's not why you're going to vote for him, nor is that why we are endorsing him.

The Backcountry Magazine reader will vote for Gary Johnson because he is the only candidate who knows how to do a beacon check and rip skins. He is the only candidate to race the Leadville 100 and summit Everest, he has more experience above 10,000 feet than the other two candidates combined. And he has the strength to come back from a spine crushing paragliding accident using only herbal pain relievers. When we spoke of the need for iron strong leadership, who better than a man who has run five IRONMAN triathlons? And while Paul Ryan lied about his only marathon time, Gary Johnson only gets confused when you ask about his, because he's not sure which of his 16 marathons you mean. This is a guy who told an Outside reporter,

"I've been trying to convince myself that there's something better in life than skiing, but I can assure you, after years of looking, there isn't."

And then did this (VIDEO) as a break from the New Hampshire primaries.
Vote Skier. Vote Winter. Vote for Gary Johnson!

For TIME's piece on Governor Johnson click [here](#).