

## FIRES, BRIDGES, AND RUMBLE STRIPS

■ **WILLOW CREEK FOREST FIRE:** On August 22, in the mountains southwest of Smoot WY, the Willow Creek Fire was reported and has burned a little over 4,000 acres since then. At one point last weekend it burned a section of trees to the top of Salt River Pass (on the west side). This caused US89 to be closed for a short period of time. Fortunately, the fire has moved west and US89 is no longer being threatened. Due to several rain storms last week, fire fighters are making progress on containment. We are working directly with fire officials and will let you know if current conditions change. We are very optimistic this fire will not affect LoToJa next Saturday — other than we'll likely have lots of fire fighting friends sharing the Salt River Pass feed zone with us.

■ **TWO BRIDGES AND A LIGHT:** For two years we've enjoyed no road construction in Wyoming. Well, not this year. There are still two bridges getting repaired and resurfaced in Star Valley.

**BRIDGE #1:** The first is located at the bottom of Salt River Pass (north side), south end of Star Valley. The deck and approaches have been milled and are super rough. The right shoulder is messy with loose and soft gravel in several spots. There's a noticeable bump down to the milled deck and a taper up to the road on the other side. SLOW DOWN AND SAFELY RIDE THROUGH THIS SECTION IN THE TRAVEL LANE.

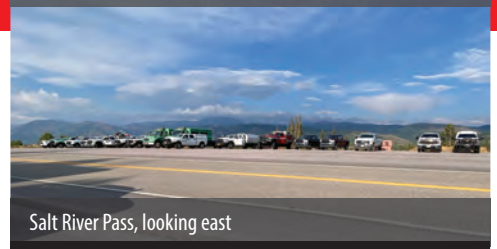
**BRIDGE #2:** The second bridge is located in a section of US89 called the Narrows which is about 10 miles north of the Afton feed zone. Here's the good and bad news for this bridge repair project:

The good news... The road through this area has several advisory signs to slow vehicle traffic down significantly. Alertly merge left to take the travel lane and maintain enough speed so you do not impede vehicle traffic. Please be careful and courteous while sharing the road through this section.

The bad news... US89 has been funneled down to one lane to cross this bridge. There's a traffic light placed on both ends to control north and southbound traffic. Hit a green light and you'll only notice the rough surface and four transition bumps from milled road to bridge deck to road again. Hit a red light and you just may have enough time to make friends with the Lincoln County Deputy placed there to make sure everyone behaves and stays safe. Thank you in advance for your patience in this section and for making this potential delay a positive part of your ride.

■ **RUMBLE STRIPS:** In July, US89 in Wyoming received a fresh set of rumble strips (on shoulders six feet or wider) from the Idaho-Wyoming border and through Star Valley. The strips are positioned just to the right of the fog line and will definitely make rotating in a pace line more challenging. Please be alert and be careful to avoid them, especially while riding in a group.

Photos taken on August 28



Salt River Pass, looking east



Bridge #1, northbound lane, before bridge



Bridge #1, northbound lane, after bridge



Bridge #2, merge to single lane after traffic light



Bridge #2, bump up to bridge deck



Bridge #2, bump down from bridge and up to road

## COURSE NOTES & LINKS

- **CREWS for FULL-DISTANCE RIDE CYCLISTS** can only stop and provide support at Preston, Afton, and Alpine feed zones. All other feed zones are neutral support provided by LoToJa volunteer teams. **IN PRESTON, PLEASE LEAVE USING US-91 TO DRIVE NORTH TO MCCAMMON, IDAHO, then east on US-30 to Soda Springs, and north on SR34 to Freedom, WY.**

>> **CHECK OUT THE MAPS**

- **CREWS for FULL-DISTANCE RACE CYCLISTS** can only stop and provide support at Montpelier, Afton, and Alpine feed zones. All other feed zones are neutral support provided by LoToJa volunteer teams.

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- **RIDE/RACE RELAY TEAMS TRANSITION** in Preston, Montpelier, Afton, and Alpine. **IN PRESTON, PLEASE LEAVE USING US-91 TO DRIVE NORTH TO MCCAMMON, IDAHO, then east on US-30 to Soda Springs, and south to Montpelier if transitioning there. Otherwise, drive north on SR34 in Soda Springs to access Star Valley, WY.**

>> **CHECK OUT PAGES 14-17 IN THE CYCLIST BIBLE**

>> **CHECK OUT [NEW RELAY TRANSITION LOCATION IN MONTPELIER](#)**

- **RIDE WITH GPS COURSE MAPS** for licensed race, cyclosportive ride, and relay categories are published on our website.

>> **VIEW ONLINE COURSE MAPS**

- **RWGPS PREMIUM ACCESS** click the following link to gain access to Ride With GPS premium features for LoToJa. Joining via this link enables offline maps and turn-by-turn navigation on mobile devices (for LoToJa routes only).

>> **ADD PREMIUM RWGPS ACCESS**

- **PLEASE VISIT THE LATEST NEWS** page on our website for all other cyclist and crew guidelines and information.

>> **READ THE LATEST EVENT DETAILS**

## PACKET PICKUP SCHEDULE

### ■ WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Location: Enve Composites, 508 W Stockman Way, Ogden

Time: 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Enve will be hosting tours of their facility. See how Enve products are made and meet their newest, Melee, made for race day.

Please note, close-toed shoes are required for tours.

### ■ FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Expo: across from Sunrise Cyclery along Federal Avenue (150 N)

Packet pickup: inside The Annex, 64 E Federal Avenue

Time: 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

### ■ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Location: inside The Annex, 64 E Federal Avenue, Logan

Time: 5:00 to 6:45 a.m.

PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP EARLIER THAN THE TIMES NOTED ABOVE. We will have enough volunteers on hand to keep your wait time to a minimum. There is usually no line after the initial push.

## CHECK-IN CHECKLIST

- To save time, please complete the first step of the check-in process by signing the four release forms BEFORE you come to one of our Packet Pickups.
- All cyclists are required to come to Packet Pickup and check-in prior to their participation in the LoToJa. Friends, family, or teammates cannot check-in for another cyclist. There are four waivers to confirm, photo ID to check, and wristbands to attach. No exceptions!
- You must bring your photo ID to complete the check-in process. Once your ID is checked and signed event release forms are confirmed, you will receive your rider bag, bib/frame number, wristband, and timing chip.
- Licensed Race category cyclists will be required to show either their annual or one-day USAC license. For one-day licenses, a copy of your receipt will work.

## CREW VEHICLE SIGNS

- Our Crew vehicle signs and numbers are all **SELF-ADHESIVE**. The signs should be applied to the outside of your vehicle's windows as shown to the right. These vehicle signs are required for all crews providing support to their cyclist(s).

## CHECKING WHEELS?

- Spare wheels **WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED** in Logan on Friday, September 5 and prior to 6:00 PM or as soon as LoToJa's Neutral Support vehicles have reached capacity.

## ANSWERS TO THIS WEEK'S FAQs

### CHANGE REQUESTS?

As LoToJa nears, it triggers several emails from cyclists asking to be moved to either an earlier start time or changed to a category with other teammates. Unfortunately, at this time, we cannot accommodate any more requests other than the ones already received. Thank you!

### PLEASE START WITH YOUR ASSIGNED CATEGORY

Cyclists must start with their assigned category to maintain the allowed number of cyclists within each start group. Cyclists that choose to start at a different time risk receiving either a time penalty or disqualification. Individuals and teams wanting to ride the cyclosportive together, but registered in different categories, can wait for each other either along the road in Cache Valley or at the Preston feed zone.

## JUST IN CASE...

### CARRY TUBES, TOOLS, AND CO2 CARTRIDGES

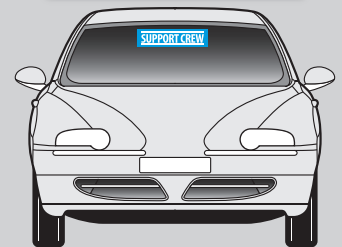
Be sure to carry an extra tube and CO2 cartridge or two just in case you flat. A small tool kit in your seat bag is also a wise item to bring along. Carry additional tubes in your support vehicle.

## SELF-ADHESIVE SIGNS

### ON FRONT



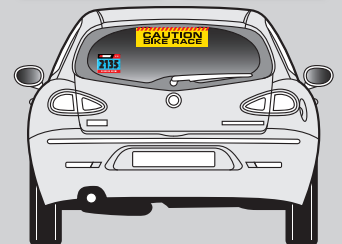
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### ON BACK



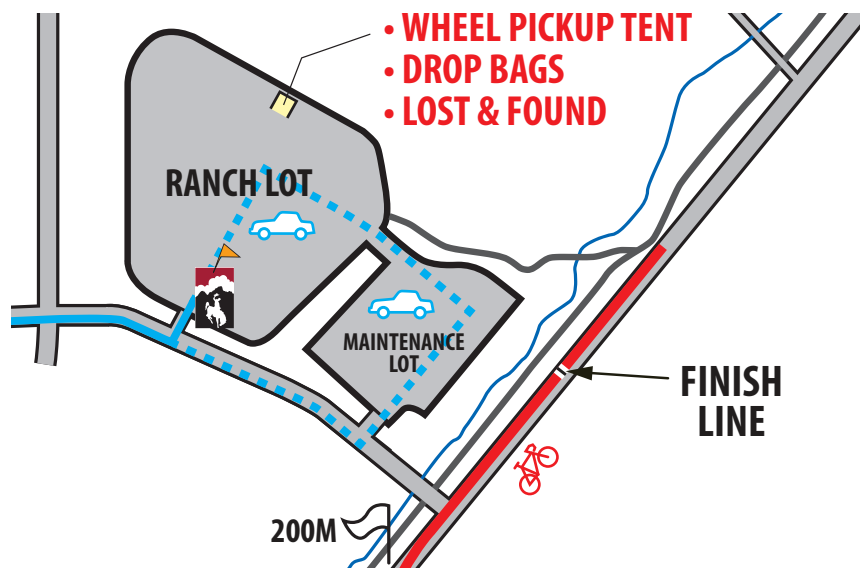
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BIKE RACE**



## FINISH LINE REMINDER

### ■ WHEEL PICKUP (Drop Bags and Lost & Found)

If you check wheels, the Wheel Pickup tent will be located at the back of the main Ranch parking lot (straight back from the lot entrance). See map below. Please pick up your wheels before you leave the finish line area. The wheel pickup tent will close at 8:00 p.m.



## OTHER NOTES & REMINDERS

### ■ RIDING AFTER DARK — DON'T DO IT!!!

Riding on the course after dark puts cyclist's safety at an intolerable risk. By condition of application and participation, LoToJa cyclists agree to discontinue riding after dark. Please read page 11 in the Cyclist Bible for information regarding cutoff times.

### ■ JACKSON PATHWAY DETOUR - Cyclists that miss the last cut-off time at the Jackson pathway transition (which is 7:50 p.m.) and choose to continue riding, please stay on the pathway all the way to Teton Village (finish line).

### ■ MONTPELIER FEED ZONE - There will be several vendors setup at the Feed Zone in Montpelier providing food, snack, and activity options for crews to enjoy while they wait for their cyclist(s) to arrive. Wu House (Mandarin Chinese food), Sprinkles & Swirls (ice cream), and Bear Lake Ax Throwing are a few planning to be there — plus two or three more are expected.