

waypoints

CATCH THE BIZZ BUZZ

Stretching 25 miles from Susanville to Mason Station in northeastern California, the Bizz Johnson Trail follows the grade of the former Fernley and Lassen Branch of the Southern Pacific Railroad. The trail was named in honor of Harold T. "Bizz" Johnson, a longtime U.S. congressman from the area.

The trail is one of two-dozen road and mountain-bike rides featured in "Adventure Cycling in Northern California," a book that your organization published in 1997 in partnership with The Mountaineers of Seattle.

Waypoints recently heard from Stan Bales, the outdoor recreation planner for the Bureau of Land Management's Eagle Lake Field Office in Susanville, who wrote to thank us for including the trail in our book. Bales invited members to contact his office for more trail information at (530) 257-0456, or to visit www.ca.blm.gov/eaglelake.

NO DONKEYS PERMITTED?

Animal groups benefit from Great Divide Mountain Bike Expedition

Get Off Your Ass & Ride — a.k.a. GOYAR — is the brainchild of a couple of Chicagoans, Michael Compisi and Neal Levin. Michael, a business development specialist and former professional soccer player, and Neal, a lawyer (and at one time a professional hockey ref-

eree), plan to ride the Great Divide Mountain Bike Route this summer to raise awareness of the issues surrounding animal abuse. And to have some fun, as well.

Neal — who, among other things, teaches Animal Law at the DePaul University

College of Law — wrote to invite Adventure Cycling to the GOYAR half-way-there party: "We'd like your attendance at the mid-ride bash in Breckenridge September 5-7, where we expect to see at least 1,000 people in conjunction with the AMBC Fall Classic." (That's the American Mountain Bike Challenge.)

"Since our mission is to embark on an intensive back-country expedition while raising awareness of wild, agricultural, and domestic animal welfare issues," the pair told Windy City Sports magazine, "the Great Divide Ride offers an excellent opportunity to draw immediate and up-close attention to at least three-quarters of that faction, namely the wildlife and livestock."

Organizations benefiting from the GOYAR expedition will include the Humane Society of the United States, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the City of Chicago's Animal Care and Control Commission. The team has a website up and running: www.goyar2003.com



Michael Compisi and Neal Levin get ready to go.