Wapiti Creek to Sage Creek Loop, 15.4 miles, Ride Description:

0.00 Begin riding on Taylor Park Road. Access from parking area via trail from the East.

0.38 Veer Right on road, following the "ONE WAY" sign. Road will pass thru a narrow canyon following Taylor Creek.

3.73 Intersection with Wapiti Creek Road. Turn Left onto access road.

3.88 Pass thru forest service gate. This road is closed until June 1. Most of the riding season, this gate will be open, however.

5.03 Pass trail on left. Proceed on Wapiti Creek Road.

5.44 Pass parking area on left. Continue on Wapiti Creek Road.

5.50 Trailhead on left. Begin climbing up double-track. Note that this was used as the main access point for firefighters during the Batterman 2000 fires near Pike Point. "Trail" may be more of a road for several miles.

7.11 Pass thru gate.

7.83 Top of climb. A short downhill will follow.

8.12 Intersection. Continue South as trail enters a wooded area. Rolling terrain for ~2.0 miles.

9.14 Look for a barrier trail on left passing thru a fence line. Turn left immediately after fence. Single-track follows fence line heading NE.

9.50 Trail enters a large meadow. Trail fades. Traverse thru meadow following wooden trail markers until trail resumes.

9.62 Trail resumes.

11.73 Intersection. Stay Right. From here until the ride completion, the trail is somewhat braided. As long as you continue with a downward progression following wooden poles, you will make your way toward Sage Creek. There are several technical and demanding sections of downhill. Proceed with caution.

12.21 Pass thru gate. Please close all gates found closed.

14.30 Pass thru a series of gates.

15.40 Sage Creek Parking.

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Mile 8 offers awesome views of Sage Peak.
Rules of the Trail

1. Ride On Open Trails Only.
   Respect trail and road closures (ask if uncertain); avoid trespassing on private land; obtain permits or other authorization as may be required. Federal and state Wilderness areas are closed to cycling. The way you ride will influence trail management decisions and policies.

2. Leave No Trace.
   Be sensitive to the dirt beneath you. Recognize different types of soils and trail construction; practice low-impact cycling. Wet and muddy trails are more vulnerable to damage. When the trailbed is soft, consider other riding options. This also means staying on existing trails and not creating new ones. Don’t cut switchbacks. Be sure to pack out at least as much as you pack in.

3. Control Your Bicycle.
   Inattention for even a second can cause problems. Obey all bicycle speed regulations and recommendations.

4. Always Yield Trail.
   Let your fellow trail users know you’re coming. A friendly greeting or bell is considered and works well; don’t startle others. Show your respect when passing by slowing to a walking pace or even stopping. Anticipate other trail users around corners or in blind spots. Yielding means slow down, establish communication, be prepared to stop if necessary and pass safely.

5. Never Scarce Animals.
   All animals are startled by an unannounced approach, a sudden movement, or a loud noise. This can be dangerous for you, others, and the animals. Give animals extra room and time to adjust to you. When passing horses use special care and follow directions from the horseback riders (ask if uncertain). Running cattle and disturbing wildlife is a serious offense. Leave gates as you found them, or as marked.

6. Plan Ahead.
   Know your equipment, your ability, and the area in which you are riding – and prepare accordingly. Be self-sufficient at all times, keep your equipment in good repair, and carry necessary supplies for changes in weather or other conditions. A well-executed trip is a satisfaction to you and not a burden to others. Always wear a helmet and appropriate safety gear. Keep trails open by setting a good example of environmentally sound and socially responsible off-road cycling.