

Feedback from bikers

Valerie, from the Nampa/Boise area called us late in the summer 2007 and told us she liked the "Come Ride With Us" map so well . . . Would we print one for Idaho. [\(Yes we did start printing one in 2008!\)](#)

Hello Map Man:

As the summer draws to a close, I just want to thank you for your Eastern Oregon Map. With all the smart phones, web searches, GPS gizmos and ride reports, we relied on your maps more than anything for good information as to where to stay, eat and ride. Looking forward to the 2014 edition. Thanks,

Mike W. The Dalles

I haven't ridden my motorcycle in recent years but was in Eastern Oregon on a road trip in the car and came across one of your maps. We really used it a lot not only for the routes but appreciated the advertisers as well for places to eat and stay. I would like to get the others.

Percy, Alberta Canada

Martin Doll Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Hi Hutch and Linda, good to meet you guys at Konkolville thanks again for the maps, I am spreading the word! Take care and all the best. We hit a little snow once we got back into Alberta, but I am sure it was nothing like taking a cruiser down to the river on quad trails riding 2 up!

Bob Street Burien WA Just got back from a bike trip to eastern Oregon. We picked up your road map at our hotel. IT WAS FANTASTIC!!!! We would have never found those great roads. I noticed from this website that you also have a few other maps. Could you possibly send them to me. I sure would appreciate it. [\(we did!\)](#)

Kevin Donaldson La Grande OR Keep up the great work on these maps!!! We have collected all three maps now, and use them to set up our trips with our friends! We really like the mileage that you entered on the Oregon map. We look forward to any new maps you can generate. Keep up the great work!!!

"We've had many favorable comments from the bikers we've met through distribution and those traveling through the areas covered by the maps. When we introduce ourselves many of the bikers thank us and complement us on the maps.

We offered maps to three bikers from Canada that we met at the Rimrock north of Enterprise, Oregon who told us they had made a special trip just to ride Rattlesnake grade over and back before going on to ride the Lolo into Montana which is internationally recognized as a motorcycle road. The Lolo has a sign at the top that says crooked road for the next 60 miles. They figured that was a "Must Ride!"

Aimee We discovered your map of Eastern Oregon this weekend at the HCMR - what a find!! Thanks to you our ride home was along a completely new and exciting route. We can't wait to explore more! Last year we switched to bikes with larger gas tanks (and better mileage) so we have the freedom to head out into more rural areas...finding new country/mountain roads has become our latest new past time.

We stopped for lunch in Sumpter, Oregon in the fall of 2008 and got to visit with a biker that we had given both Oregon and Idaho maps to at Horseshoe Bend in Idaho two weeks before. He and his wife were from LaGrande, Oregon and out riding and enjoying the scenery exploring the maps.

We stopped next to a restaurant and bar in Eastern Idaho and offered maps to two bikers last summer. One of them immediately asked how to advertise on the map. He owned the restaurant. He said, "I'm serious enough that I want to pay for an ad now for next year's map. [\(We got his ad!\)](#)

While in Idaho, I gave a map to a biker and he asked if he could have more copies to take home with him. He was the CMA road captain from New York. He was sure some of his biker friends at home would be out to ride these roads.

"Many bikers and business owners from outside the map areas have told us of other areas where they would like to see us make more maps in other areas."

"Late summer we distributed some maps on a trip to Phoenix and Las Vegas and we had a call in December asking how to get new maps for the coming summer. They want to plan trips to Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington and Idaho for the coming summer."

A biker called from Chicago, IL. wanting maps to plan a trip for summer of 2011.

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"We get several e-mails and calls a week asking for maps even though it is the off season and too cold to ride very far."

We received a letter from a biker on Vancouver Island, BC who said ". . . I have to say I love your maps. A friend introduced me to them last summer while we were riding Oregon. Now I'm telling all my riding buddies and they all want a set. Please send 4 sets now and I'll be writing you again this summer for more. Thanks a million! You're doing a great job on them! [\(and we sent them to him!\)](#)

Elizabeth & Sally, sisters from Chico, CA My sister first saw your map last week when we stopped in Antelope, OR. The restaurant owner said it was their only one. After looking everywhere, we finally found one in Heppner, OR at Howes' About Pizza, across from the courthouse. Even though we aren't motorcyclists, we loved your three maps and used them all the way through Eastern Oregon, SE Washington and Idaho! We also found places to stay. One lodge we especially liked was the one in Ukiah. Your map was invaluable and made our trip so very enjoyable.

Betty Ely, Idaho We found your map of Oregon in a restaurant. What a terrific idea! Where can we get one for north Idaho?

. . . With the storm passing through Friday, we were uncertain as to which roads would be passable to bikes Saturday morning. In the interest of keeping the group together until plans for a route could be finalized, Doug and I passed on our long anticipated bacon breakfast at Chuck's Little Diner in Prairie City. It would not have been the same without the X Man in attendance, so maybe next spring?

We decided not to ride Dooley Mtn. and take US 26 to Oregon 7 on to Baker City. Before gearing up, we noticed a gentleman admiring our bikes. He introduced himself as Bill Hutchinson, the man



who prints the famous "Come Ride with Us" map of the John Day area. We told him how the maps are the Bible for those of us who like riding the area. Bill said that he wanted a photo of a sport touring group for the next edition of the map and asked if he could photograph us in a group rideby. We heartily agreed and began checking out while Bill retrieved

his Harley and gear from his shop across the street from the motel.

Bill, Marv, and Bill's wife went out ahead of us to find a photo spot while the rest of us checked out. We met up at the view point east of Prairie City off US 26 while we waited for Bill to return with instructions. I took a photo which you can see in the AAA/2007 photo album. We ended up doing three run bys before we had to leave. I am glad we got the opportunity to meet Bill and thank him for printing the maps. I hope he got a photo of us which he can put in the next edition.

[Above article and pictures are part of a trip diary on the Yahoo NWRoadRiders web site \(Oct. 2007\).](#)