

**Route Name.....**Keeney Fork-Dixie Road Loop

**Number.....**#4

## ***Prairie City Bicycle Invitational***

**Dates Supported.....**???

**Ride Type.....** Mountain or Cross Bike-Hybrid w/suspension recommended

**Difficulty.....** Technical - II, Physical - III

**Time required.....**4-6 hours (approximate)

**Distance on paved surface.....**16.47 miles (approximate)

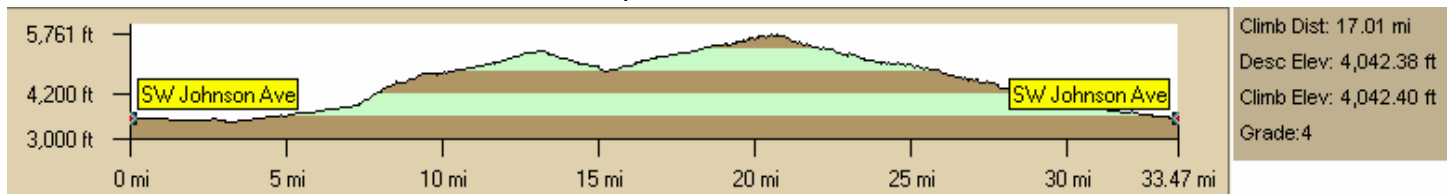
**Distance on gravel/dirt.....**16.55 (approximate)

**Distance to highest Elevation..**20.48 miles (approximate)

**Lowest gear ratio on test bike.**34 Rear X 26 Front

**Suggested Supplies.....**1<sup>st</sup> aid, extra clothing, snacks & plenty of drink

### Ride Profile



### **General Description**

This ride could be done in reverse order but would involve some brief, steeper pitches of ascent and those pitches would be on gravel. Also, going in the direction described (for those of you who will also do Ride #3 "The Dixie Mountain Loop") will give an opportunity to experience descending down Dixie Creek Road while avoiding the redundancy of riding up it a second time in doing Ride #3.

This is not a technical ride, as shown by the class rating, but caution to those of you who aren't well experienced on gravel road surfaces: gravel is always tricky, causing a bike's tires to drift unpredictably in such way as to cause the bike to squirm out from under the rider. So,....always manage you speed, especially when veering or turning on gravel or dirt.

Unless you encounter a head wind the first 7 miles are very easy, the grade being hardly noticeable unless you look back to get perspective on the road tapering back to the valley floor, ever farther away and lower down.

### **Route Directions**

Start point.....Highway SR26 (Front Street) & NW Johnson Avenue.

.....Follow Highway SR26 as it undulates only once going west out of town

3.32 miles.....turn right (north) onto Keeney Fork Road (CR 18); good asphalt surface, road grade very moderate.

7.12 miles.....road grade steepens but still is moderate, surface continues as asphalt

12.89 miles.....turn right onto NFD 36 (packed gravel, moderate grade). This intersection is the Four Corners Camp Ground area, the camp ground visible SE of the intersection. After a brief incline up you get a 2 mile descent to the junction with NFD 3640.

15.11 miles.....turn right onto NFD 3640 and follow for 6.64 miles, which is mostly a steady, moderate climb on gravel. Make careful notice of the signage, making sure of staying on 3640 until the junction with 3670. The remainder of the route from here is exhilarating downhill, all the way back to Prairie City.

21.75 miles.....turn right onto NFD 3670

23.63 miles.....turn right onto NFD 58 (Dixie Creek Road). On the remainder of the route take notice of the old cabins remaining from the days of mining.

24.32 miles.....NFD 58 turns into CR 58 (note sign at cattle crossing) but surface remains gravel

29.44 miles.....gravel ends, asphalt surface begins

33 miles.....End, Prairie City

