



Adventure Cycling Association

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Adventure Cycling Association to express our support for the draft U.S. Bicycle Routes created by New Mexico Bike Summit, Inc.

The U.S. Bicycle Route System is a collaborative effort to establish a nationwide network of easily navigable bicycle routes connecting urban and rural communities via signed roads and trails. As routes become established, the U.S. Bicycle Route System increases visibility for cycling, encourages economic development through bicycle tourism, and institutionalizes support for good cycling conditions.

New Mexico is rich with unique experiences and amenities for bicycle travelers, whether they are riding short or long distances, and it is encouraging to see the state and other stakeholders undertake public input processes about statewide bicycle routes and the Rio Grande Trail. We encourage everyone involved to go one step further and include U.S. Bicycle Route corridors in the planning.

New Mexico has an opportunity now to be proactive in the creation of U.S. Bicycle Routes within the state and the locations where they will cross state borders. Volunteers from New Mexico Bike Summit, Inc. have shared with us their draft routes, and we believe they represent an excellent starting place for the work of designating U.S. Bicycle Routes. By adopting these draft routes into the public planning process, New Mexico will be prepared for upcoming conversations with neighboring states and the increase in bicycle tourism nationwide.

Thank You,

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Adventure Cycling Association inspires and empowers people to travel by bicycle. With 53,000 members and 46,000 miles of mapped bicycle travel routes, Adventure Cycling gives cyclists the tools and confidence to create their own bike travel adventures. Adventure Cycling is also the lead organization working to create an officially approved, numbered, and signed bicycle route network called the U.S. Bicycle Route System.

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