

New Singletrack in the Grand Junction Off-Road All three distance options showcase local favorite trails for maximum fun

(GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.) – Today Epic Rides announced a new trail selection and an enhanced route for the 15 Grand, 30 Grand and 40 Grand (1 mile = 1 Grand) mountain bike events happening at the Grand Junction Off-Road, May $19^{th} - 21^{st}$.

As a product of increased cooperation between the community, Epic Rides and the Grand Junction Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office personnel, the Fifth Annual Grand Junction Off-Road will feature local favorite singletrack, making for maximum trailside enjoyment.

Replacing Andy's Trail, Eagle's Tail Trail and Pet E Kes trail, all three distance options will include a new singletrack route featuring Gunny Loop, Holy Bucket to Coyote Ridge, Ali Ali Loop to Ali Alley, Curt's Lane and Curt's down to lower Hop Skip and Jump and Noreaster. Although still a challenging route, this new course routing will be safer for all participants while showing off local favorite singletracks in the Lunch Loops trail network as riders complete the final portion of their route.

"The Fifth Annual Grand Junction Off-Road will put a better foot forward in representing Grand Junction's trail system," said Bill Cooper, Grand Junction Off-Road course manager. "Andy's Trail was a blast for riders during the first four years of the event, but replacing it with Gunny Loop and connecting to Noreaster is adding some of the community's most prized trails to the event while greatly improving the riding experience for out-of-town guests on event weekend."

Updated course maps for the 15, 30 and 40 Grand events can be found under "Course Info" at the Grand Junction Off-Road section of epicrides.com. Riders can also download turn-by-turn trail directions with the handy Trailforks App available at trailforks.com for pre-riding activities and comprehensive trail beta.

For more information on the Grand Junction Off-Road, visit epicrides.com or follow @epicrides and @grandjunctionoffroad on Facebook, and search #epicrides, #grandjunctionoffroad and #offroadseries on Instagram and Twitter.

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About Epic Rides

Founded in 1999, Epic Rides has become world famous for producing events that celebrate the many positive aspects of mountain biking. Events such as the 24 Hours in the Old Pueblo presented by Tucson Medical Center, Tour of the White Mountains, Grand Junction Off-Road, Whiskey Off-Road and the Carson City Off-Road are popular with participants because they offer challenging, fun riding and emphasize the joy and camaraderie inherent in the sport.

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