



## Adventure Cycling Association

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Dear Janet and Joe,

I am writing on behalf of Adventure Cycling Association to extend our sincerest thank you for partnering with Three Rivers Rafting during construction on Highway 12. Your consideration for cyclists safety and their service shuttling is truly appreciated by our organization and by the many cyclists riding our bicycle routes.

Adventure Cycling's Lewis & Clark Bicycle Route, a 3,562-mile route between Illinois and Oregon and the TransAmerica Bicycle Trail, a 4,223-mile route between Yorktown, VA and Astoria, OR, follows Highway 12 through the Lochsaw Valley. When we learned of the construction, we knew it would impact cyclists' safety and comfort during their cross-country trips. We reached out to Joe and asked for IDT to consider providing shuttle service for cyclists. We highly commend you for taking this request seriously and finding a great partner to work with.

We wanted you to know that this effort has inspired us! We deal with construction projects on our routes every year and every season. Recently, a major construction project in Arizona on our Southern Tier Route affected almost 25-miles. Cyclists share a narrow travel lane with vehicles traveling much faster through the construction zone. The AZ department of transportation construction manager decided not to offer a shuttle service. Upon learning of your unique partnership with River Rafting, I reached back out to him to demonstrate that there are ways to creatively and cost effectively make roads safe for all users during construction projects. He immediately thanked me for sharing your story – which we took as a sign that he too was inspired by your idea.

Thank you again for supporting cyclists on the TransAm and Lewis and Clark Trail and all cyclists going through the construction zone this summer. You've made a big impact and we wanted to thank you for your innovation and follow through.

Sincerely,

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