18 Starr Ridge

■ 2-4 hours ■ 15.1 miles ■ More difficult

■ **Access to trailhead:** From John Day, go 15 miles south on Highway 395 to Starr CG.

■ **Nearest Food/Water Source:** John Day (food), Starr Campground (water).

■ **Surfaces Encountered:** Unimproved gravel.

■ **Comments:** You'll need to either arrange to leave a car at the end of the ride, or turn this into a long ride of approximately 31.8 miles – including 16.7 miles on Highways 65 and 395. Visitors are welcome at Dry Soda Fire Lookout, a 60-foot tower just off the route.

■ **USGS Maps:** Fall Mtn., Canyon Mtn., Seneca NW, Seneca NE.

■ **USFS Maps:** Bear Valley Fire/District.

Mileage Log:

0.0-From Starr CG, ride south onto Highway 395 for .1 mile then turn east onto FR 196 and begin gradual climb.

1.5-Continue straight; FR 032 on right.

2.9-Continue straight; FR 199 on left.

3.4-Continue straight through 4-way intersection.

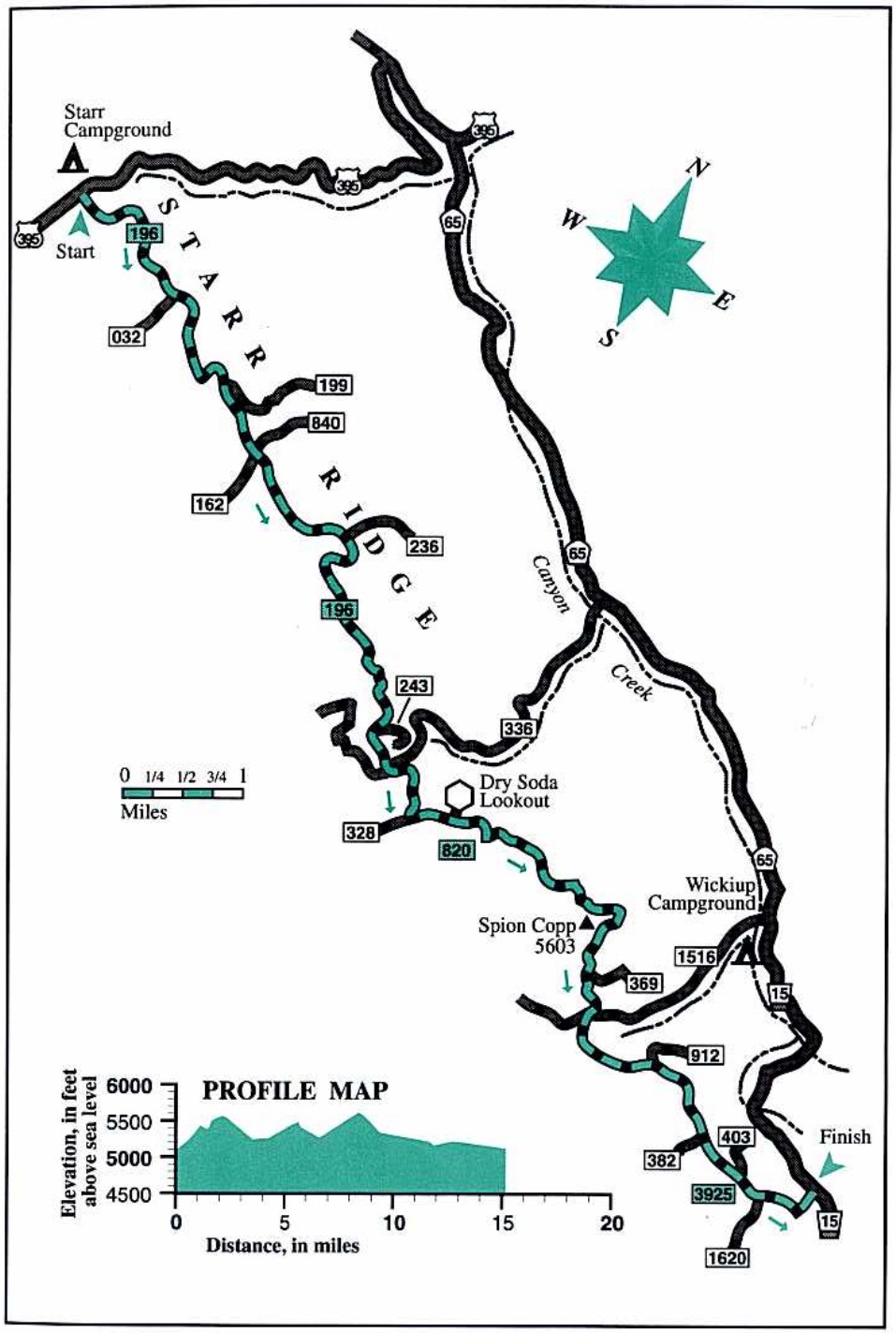
7.3-Cattle guard; continue straight through 4-way intersection. (Alternatively, you can turn left onto FR 336 and descend four miles to County Road 65 / FR 15 and ride it and Highway 395 back to Starr CG.)
8.3-Turn left on FR 820 toward Dry Soda Fire Lookout.
11.4-Continue straight; FR 369 on left.

11.9-Continue straight through 4-way intersection. (Alternatively, you can turn left and descend to Wickiup CG and County Road 65 / FR 15.)

12.7-Bear right; FR 912 on left.

13.7-Continue straight; FR 382 on right.

14.2-Continue straight; FR 403 on left.

14.5-Continue straight; FR 1620 on right.

15.1-County Road 65 / FR 15 and end of ride.