10 Horseshoe/Sheep Creek Loop

■ 3-5 hours ■ 13.7 miles ■ Most difficult

- **Access to trailhead:** From Prairie City, go southeast 21.5 miles on County Road 62 and FR 13 to the junction of FR 13 and FR 325.
- **Nearest Food/Water Source:** Prairie City.
- **Surfaces Encountered:** Pavement, gravel, rough single-track trail.
- **Comments:** This route provides great views. It passes through the Sheep Mountain burn of 1990. This route could also be ridden in the opposite direction with a tougher but shorter uphill on first leg allowing a longer single-track decent on Sheep Creek.
- **USGS Maps:** Little Baldy Mtn.
- **USFS Maps:** Prairie City Fire/District.

Mileage Log:

0.0-Ride to the southeast on FR 13.

2.7-Turn right onto Sheep Creek Trail #371 toward Lookout Mountain and begin long climb along good single-track trail.

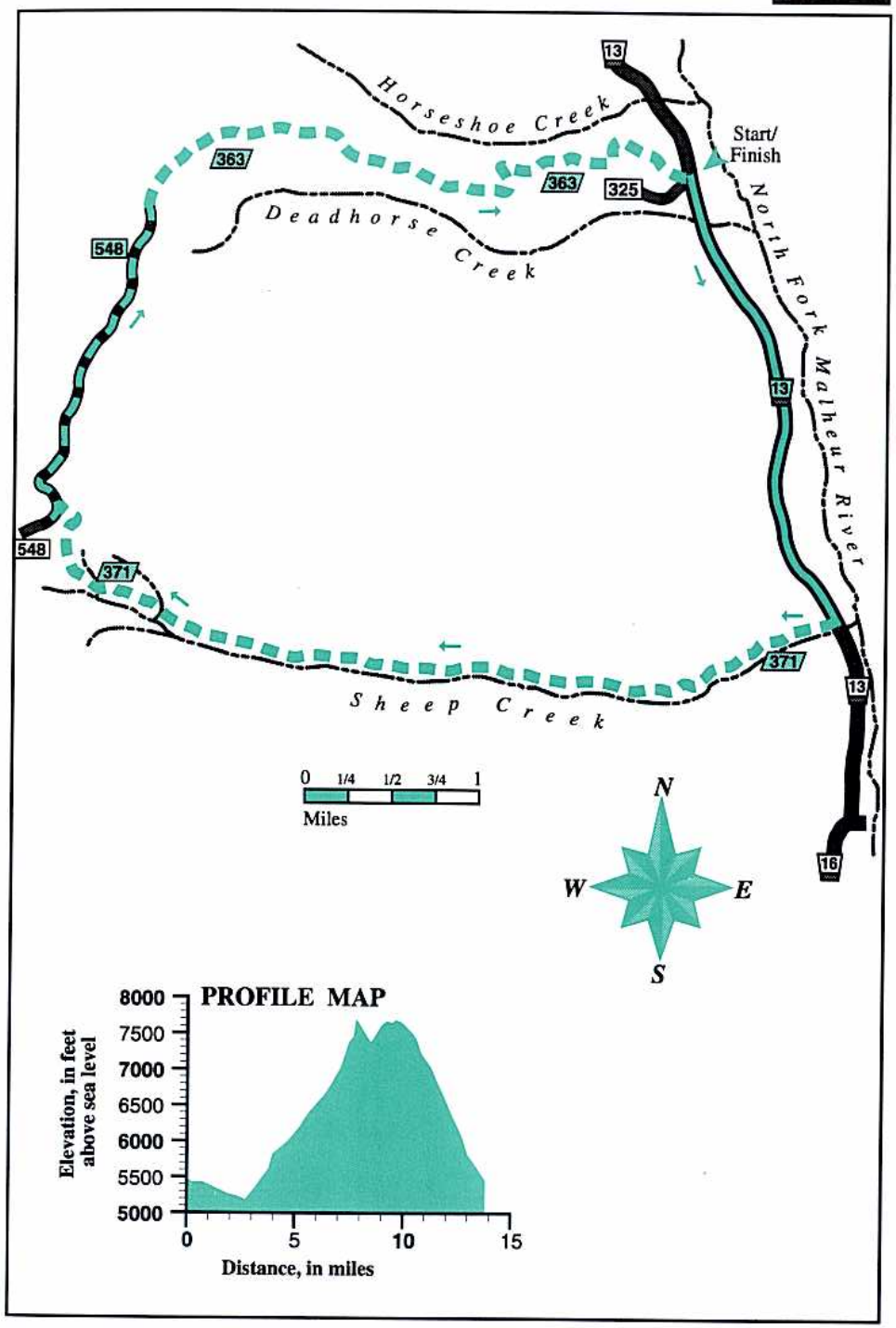
5.5-Cross pole bridge.

7.7-Trail emerges onto small saddle. Turn left to go up slope along left-hand side; trail soon becomes visible again.

7.8-Turn right onto FR 548 and begin descending on this rough two-track.

8.5-Road begins to ascend.

9.9-Road fades out at John Day Valley overlook. Look for rock cairns, which lead along a faint two-track through the burned area and to Horseshoe Creek Trail #363.

10.5-Watch for tree, still in the burn, with wooden sign for Horseshoe Creek Trail attached. Begin descent on single-track trail.

13.7-Back to beginning point.