

**Subject:** 2010 BP MS150 Training Series - Ride 9, Cat Spring - March 20, 8:00 am  
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**To:** Undisclosed recipients;

I have to open up this week with an apology for the several miles of road with the patches of gravel last weekend. I was aware of one spot but not the full extent of the spots needing repair.

A big THANKS goes out to our wonderful Ride Marshals who very proactively positioned themselves before several of the key spots to warn you and you all are to be commended for slowing down and taking it easy across these patches and avoiding any significant spills.

Your feedback on this ride was overwhelmingly positive so we will plan to include it again but next year, we will either avoid this road or ensure it has been repaired adequately in advance. Thanks for your feedback and for being patient and safe through this section of the ride.

Speaking of overwhelmingly positive feedback, here are a few good snippets of your notes...

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On behalf of "The Bike Friendliest Town in Texas" and the Fayetteville Cycling Club we hope you enjoyed your visit to Fayetteville. Texas Highways describes Fayetteville as "a bicycling Mecca with bucolic byways." Fayetteville is that and more. On May 1-2 is the Art Walk, [www.artguildtexas.org](http://www.artguildtexas.org). The 4th Annual Fayetteville Chamber Music Festival, [www.fayettevillemusic.org](http://www.fayettevillemusic.org) is the following two weekends.

A "Fresh Spin on Fayetteville" is a feature in the April 2010 issue of Texas Highways. "The winding maze of quiet country roads, gentle hills, and step-back-in-time scenery make the Fayetteville area a paradise for bicycling." Come back to cycle and enjoy the other events in Fayetteville.

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I really enjoyed some of the new (to me) roads on last weekend's ride. In spite of the long drive, I hope you choose to keep Fayetteville on next year's training ride agenda.

One suggestion. In your follow-up email, please mention the Good Old Summertime Classic on June 6. <http://www.active.com/cycling/fayetteville-tx/fayetteville-good-old-summertime-classic-2010>

Our riders will have a chance to ride some of the same beautiful country roads and enjoy Fayetteville hospitality.

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If you go back and review the pre-ride note, I did tell you all what a wonderful, bike friendly place Fayetteville is. Now, you know a great place to go that's a fairly short drive from town, offers great cozy lodging and comfortable food and beautiful and challenging rides. Add the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce site to your favorites and put it in your cycling folder - it's worth many follow up trips all year long.

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### **2010 BP MS150 Training Series - Ride 9, Cat Spring - March 20, 8:00 am**

Speaking of delightful small towns, this week, we're heading to Cat Spring for another classic ride with a new twist...

This week, we're heading to Cat Spring, actually, to the Cat Spring Social Hall, for another wonderful, rolling ride. Our veteran's know this ride except we've learned something for last week and have integrated it into this week. We have modified the long route to recycle the 2nd rest stop so we will be offering a 44 mile option with stops at approx 13 and 27 miles or a 63 mile option with stops at approx 13, 27 and 46 miles. Not only that but the extra loop on the long route sends us back down the delightful Weishuhn Rd south of New Ulm and repeats a "Right on Zimmerscheidt" (this rhymes) and the wonderful rolling miles and final challenging hill on Zimmerscheidt before we return to FM-109. Many of us have

ridden these roads many times and you will understand why as soon as you get out and start riding.

**Directions to the start - Cat Spring Social Hall (13035 Hall Rd, TX, 78933)**

I do have an address so I included it for those of you with GPS units. Google and Bing maps placed the location pin exactly on the right spot so this address should work.

Here are the driving directions...

Take I-10 west to the Sealy exit (Hwy 36). Take 36 north through Sealy (obey the speed limit!) and turn left at the last light, just after you cross over the railroad track. (You also cross under on track coming into Sealy). Drive approximately 11 miles to FM-949 (there is a sign to Cat Spring one mile to the right) and continue a few hundred yards past 949 to the Social Hall on your right.

I know I sound like a broken record (how many of you are old enough to understand this phrase) but parking will be tight so please carpool unless you are part of the ride support team and need room for food, drinks, etc. Please also park as close as is reasonably possible - we're parking on the lawn so there are no stripes.

Oh yes, there is one road so traffic will be slow at the peak arrival period - allow approximately an hour to get here from I-10 and the 610 loop and arrive by 7:30 am.

If the parking fills and/or you arrive late and need to park along the road out front, this is permitted as long as you park completely off the road. Once we start lining up, access to the grounds will be impossible until all riders depart so, if you arrive at 7:50, figure on a long wait and a late start behind most of our excellent support team.

Smart Drinks set their alarm earlier and will be there before and after the ride. It's a pretty good drive back to town so you can bet that I will be having lunch at Carols of Cat Spring before I head back. Carols is located on FM-949 in Cat Spring. You will see it on your right about 1 mile after we start and on your left about one mile before you finish the ride. It's well worth the trip for a great lunch!

The updated map for the ride is not finished yet but we should be able to get a draft online (with out of date distances) today.

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Watch for a late update Thursday night or early Friday with any possible weather notes (may be cloudy, currently 40% chance of rain) and the sign-in list summary.

I'll see many of you in Cat Spring this Saturday...

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