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## Nipple Butte Loop

■ 2-4 hours ■ 10.8 miles ■ Most Difficult

■ **Access to trailhead:** From 3 miles west of Prairie City, go north on County Road 18 to mile marker #17 and the junction with FR 279. Turn left onto FR 279 and go approximately 1 mile to the sign for Nipple Butte Trail #346.

■ **Nearest Food/Water Source:** Prairie City (food), Magone CG (water).

■ **Surfaces Encountered:** Single-track trail, unimproved gravel, improved gravel.

■ **Comments:** Nearby Magone Lake CG (off route) is nice for a post-ride swim or picnic. Lake Butte offers great views of the surrounding country. **Alternate Ride:** Begin at junction of FR 3947 and FR 459. Ride the trail east to the trailhead at FR 279 and turn around for an exhilarating descent.

■ **USGS Maps:** Susanville SW.

■ **USFS Maps:** Long Creek Fire/District.

### Mileage Log:

**0.0**-Ride west on Nipple Butte Trail #346, a two-track road at this point.

**0.2**-Cross through barbed-wire fence and follow single-track trail to the southwest, along barbed-wire fence.

**0.8**-Short, steep climb after winding descent. Track soon begins following the fenceline again, with great views to the south and west.

**1.6**-Log crossing and barbed-wire gate.

**2.2**-Barbed-wire fence and gate.

**3.1**-Gate; trail ends. Follow two-track to the west.

**3.3**-Turn right on FR 3947.

**5.3**-Turn right at 4-way intersection onto FR 484.

**5.7**-Primitive campground on right.

**7.5**-Harper Meadow.

**8.3**-Turn right onto gravel County Road 18.

**9.8**-Turn right onto FR 279.

**10.8**-Return to beginning point.

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