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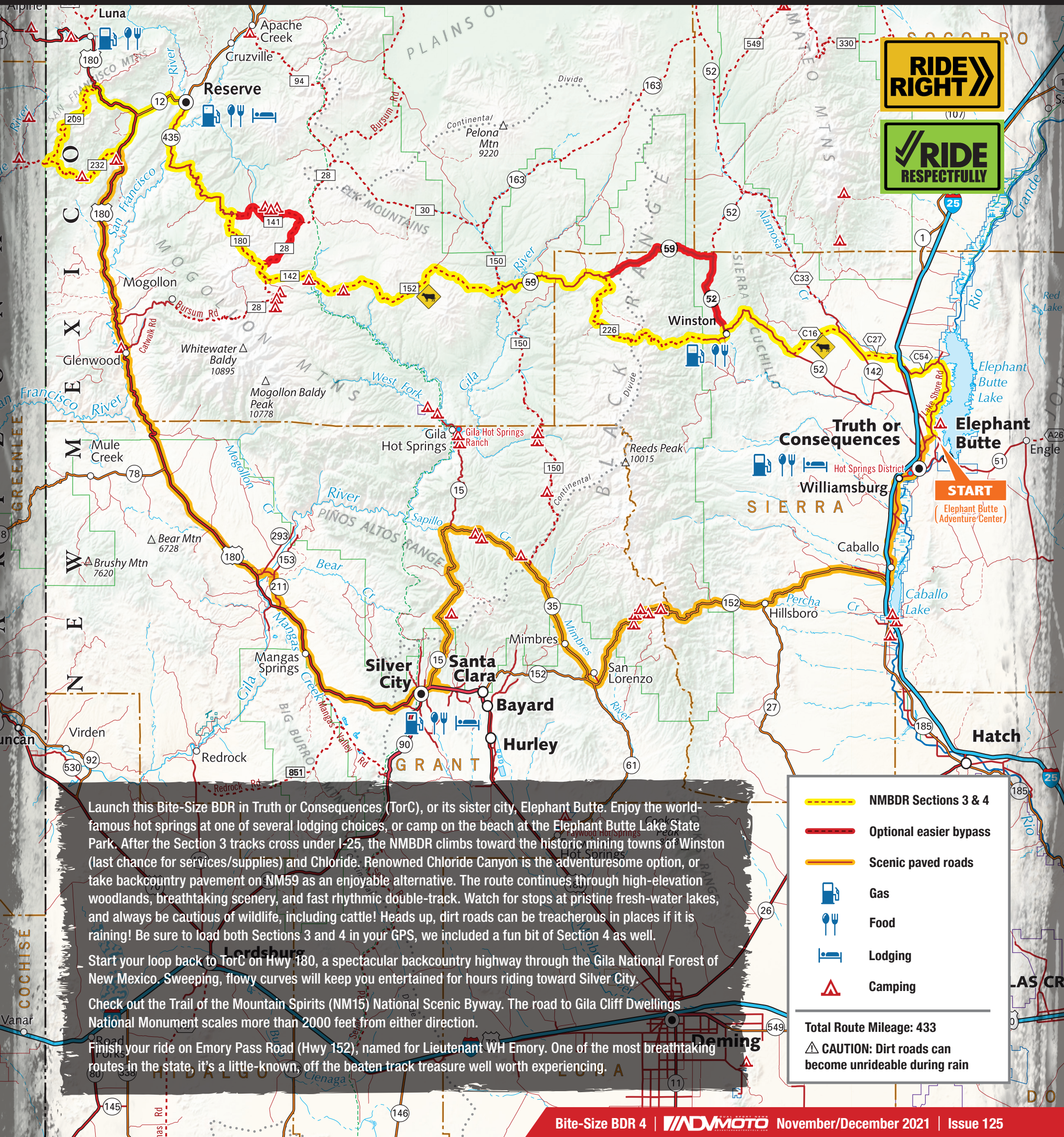
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Bite-Size BDR #4: New Mexico BDR Section 3 & 4

Truth or Consequences/Elephant Butte Loop

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START

(Elephant Butte Adventure Center)

- NMBDR Sections 3 & 4
- Optional easier bypass
- Scenic paved roads
- Gas
- Food
- Lodging
- Camping

Total Route Mileage: 433

⚠ CAUTION: Dirt roads can become unrideable during rain

Launch this Bite-Size BDR in Truth or Consequences (TorC), or its sister city, Elephant Butte. Enjoy the world-famous hot springs at one of several lodging choices, or camp on the beach at the Elephant Butte Lake State Park. After the Section 3 tracks cross under I-25, the NMBDR climbs toward the historic mining towns of Winston (last chance for services/supplies) and Chloride. Renowned Chloride Canyon is the adventuresome option, or take backcountry pavement on NM59 as an enjoyable alternative. The route continues through high-elevation woodlands, breathtaking scenery, and fast rhythmic double-track. Watch for stops at pristine fresh-water lakes, and always be cautious of wildlife, including cattle! Heads up, dirt roads can be treacherous in places if it is raining! Be sure to load both Sections 3 and 4 in your GPS, we included a fun bit of Section 4 as well.

Start your loop back to TorC on Hwy 180, a spectacular backcountry highway through the Gila National Forest of New Mexico. Sweeping, flowy curves will keep you entertained for hours riding toward Silver City.

Check out the Trail of the Mountain Spirits (NM15) National Scenic Byway. The road to Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument scales more than 2000 feet from either direction.

Finish your ride on Emory Pass Road (Hwy 152), named for Lieutenant WH Emory. One of the most breathtaking routes in the state, it's a little-known, off the beaten track treasure well worth experiencing.