



The "Rain Route" will be similar to our Southern Cross Course with riders leaving Montaluce and taking Hightower Church Road to FS 28-1. Riders will turn right on FS 28-1 and continue climbing FS 80 to Cooper Gap. From Cooper Gap, riders turn left and continue on FS 42 to Winding Stair Gap. This is where the aid station will be located (Mile 17). From there riders will turn right and continue downhill on FS 58 to Doublehead Gap Road. Riders will turn left on Doublehead Gap Road, then make another left onto FS 42 where they will climb back up to Springer Mountain and then on to Winding Stair Gap for the second time. They will again pass an aid station at Winding Stair Gap (Mile 37). Once up at the Gap, they will descend down FS 77, all the way to FS 28-1. At FS 28-1, riders make a left and then another quick left and continue to Hightower Church Road where they turn right to head back to Montaluce. The course re-enters Montaluce through a gate and riders will have approximately ½ mile of grass trails and pavement to the finish line.