



The “start bay” for IDIDARIDE 2002 in front of SBA HQ on January 26th... a gray day, but not too cold as evidenced by riders in shorts. For the first time land managers allowed 250 participants to ride in IDIDARIDE 2002 up from the cap of 200 of previous years. SBA staff learned that 250 is the upper limit that can be comfortably handled at the event. Note an IDIDARIDE banner was flown for the first time.





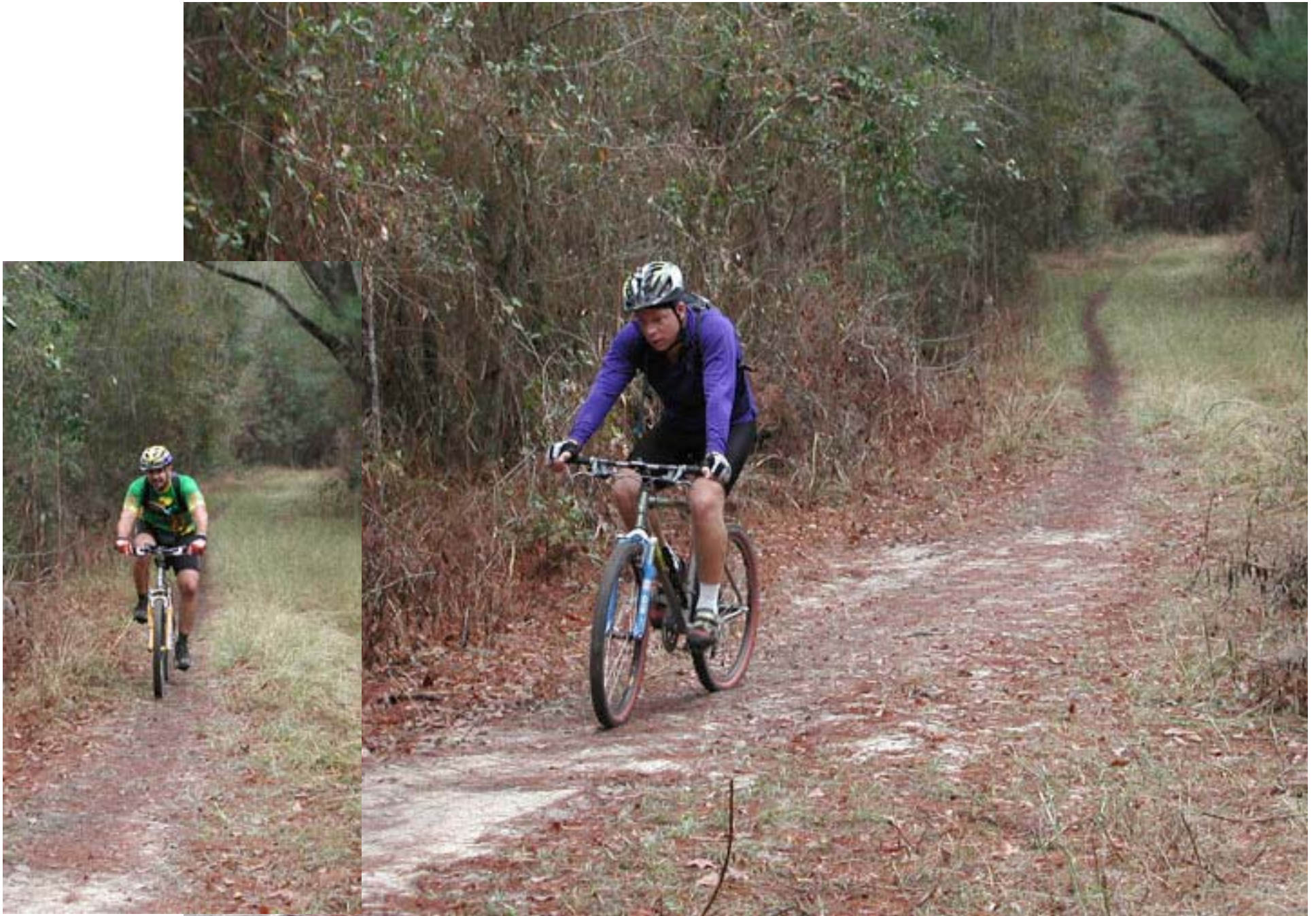


Lunch Stop at the ballpark is always a welcome respite after the first half of the ride. At right number counters Jessica Beaver and Havala Taylor enjoy their task, as they get to greet all 250 participants!



A variety of hot soups prepared by Tony Beavor and crew keep the crowd fueled for the next leg of the journey. Everyone enjoyed the stop, lunch staff and lunch eaters alike.





Just before the lunch stop on the Bridge-to-Bridge Trail in the White Springs Tract these riders demonstrate that despite the mass start, how dispersed the crowd becomes.... Many making all or large portions of the ride alone or in small groups.

IDIDARIDE is one of SBA's most popular events, with event registration having to return at least several dozen applicants each year, which come in after the quota has been reached.

SBA members get first opportunity to register, as event brochures are mailed to them directly near the end of October. Second opportunity comes at the annual Fat-Tire Festival, when brochures are distributed at check out. Immediately after FTF, the information and entry form are posted to SBA's website at www.swuanneebike.org. More than 50% of IDIDARIDE entries come on internet forms.

More than 50 volunteers help stage IDIDARIDE each year. More than 200 arrows are posted along the 50-mile trail, which are staked the weekend prior at IDIDAPREP and removed the day after on IDIDACLEAN. **Thank you to volunteers:**

Tony and Jessica Beaver, Jacksonville
Frank Belaska, Orlando
Russ and Rae Brant, High Springs
Susan Brennan and Heather Bristol, Gainesville
Lys and Jodi Burden, High Springs/Gainesville
Hanna Carroll, Valdosta, Georgia
Scott Chase, Gainesville
Harold Clayton, Tangerine
Amy DeJesus and Susan Dundore, Tampa
Richard and Debbie Downer, Lake City
George and Lee Edwards, Gainesville
Cathy Harrelson, St. Petersburg
Aaron Hosteller, Pensacola
Frank Jenner, Valdosta, Georgia
Emily Jones, Mount Dora
Edwin McCook, Live Oak
Bob Michaels, Apopka
Rudy Miller, Spring Hill
Tom Nevin, Jacksonville
Chandler Otis, Gainesville
Gene and Andy Sipe, Estero
Havala Taylor, Gainesville
Matt Uhrig, Jacksonville
Steve Williams, White Springs
Bill Wills, Tallahassee
Greg Wilson, Crawfordville
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