Hi Oakland Yellowjackets,

I'm trying to get the word out about the 2012 California Climate Ride , which is 320 glorious miles from Eureka to SF from Sept 9-13.

Carbon Offsets To Alleviate Poverty is an Oakland non-profit I've founded which is one of the 2012 beneficiaries of this ride.

I'm looking to put together a small team of Climate Riders. I would really appreciate it if you could share the attached and/or this link with your members. More information about Climate Ride and COTAP is also below.

Best,

Tim Whitley
Founder of COTAP.org

About the Climate Ride

Climate Ride is a fully-supported, 5-day charity bike ride, the one and only multi-day charitable bicycling event that supports climate change and bike advocacy organizations. Climate Ride is the hub of the green movement and gives a national voice to your local community. By riding in Climate Ride you can raise funds for COTAP.org and any other beneficiary organizations you choose. In 2011, Climate Riders raised $300,031 for 25 beneficiaries!

About COTAP.org

Based in Oakland CA, Carbon Offsets To Alleviate Poverty (www.COTAP.org) is a new 2012 beneficiary organization of Climate ride. COTAP is a new nonprofit which empowers individuals to address two of the world's biggest challenges: climate change and global poverty. COTAP connects individuals' carbon footprints with accredited forestry projects in least-developed countries which create measurable wages for the world's poorest people.

COTAP also seeks to address the injustice that forestry projects, despite their proven ability

to improve lives for the poorest, have been largely overlooked by commercial carbon markets. You can transform your CO2 emissions into wages, improved livelihoods, and changed lives with our three projects in Nicaragua, Uganda, and Mozambique.

I beleive Deb did this ride last year, and, to the best of my recollection, she said it was a great event although it dumped rain most of the time. Certainly a good cause.