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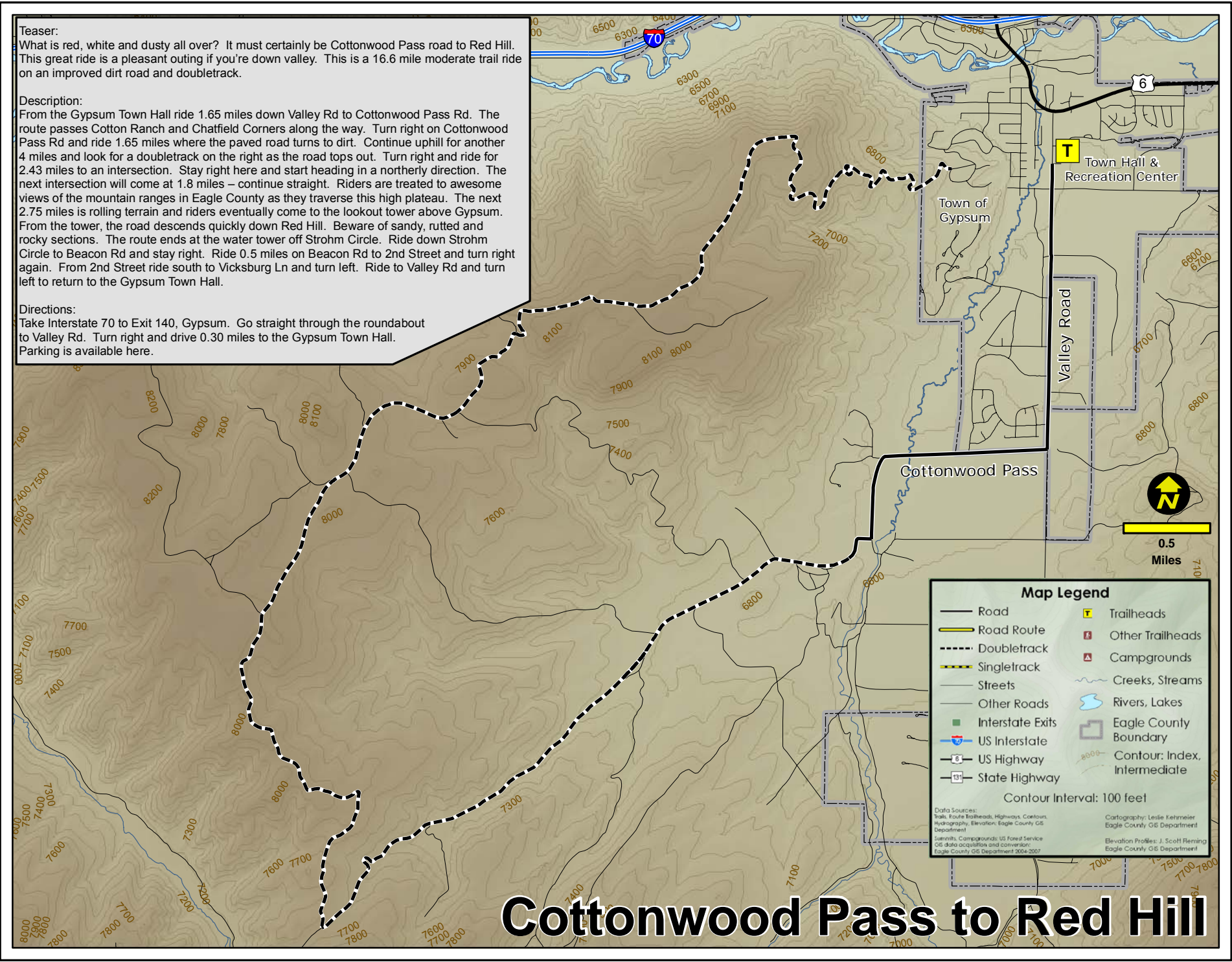
What is red, white and dusty all over? It must certainly be Cottonwood Pass road to Red Hill. This great ride is a pleasant outing if you're down valley. This is a 16.6 mile moderate trail ride on an improved dirt road and doubletrack.

Description:

From the Gypsum Town Hall ride 1.65 miles down Valley Rd to Cottonwood Pass Rd. The route passes Cotton Ranch and Chatfield Corners along the way. Turn right on Cottonwood Pass Rd and ride 1.65 miles where the paved road turns to dirt. Continue uphill for another 4 miles and look for a doubletrack on the right as the road tops out. Turn right and ride for 2.43 miles to an intersection. Stay right here and start heading in a northerly direction. The next intersection will come at 1.8 miles – continue straight. Riders are treated to awesome views of the mountain ranges in Eagle County as they traverse this high plateau. The next 2.75 miles is rolling terrain and riders eventually come to the lookout tower above Gypsum. From the tower, the road descends quickly down Red Hill. Beware of sandy, rutted and rocky sections. The route ends at the water tower off Strohm Circle. Ride down Strohm Circle to Beacon Rd and stay right. Ride 0.5 miles on Beacon Rd to 2nd Street and turn right again. From 2nd Street ride south to Vicksburg Ln and turn left. Ride to Valley Rd and turn left to return to the Gypsum Town Hall.

Directions:

Take Interstate 70 to Exit 140, Gypsum. Go straight through the roundabout to Valley Rd. Turn right and drive 0.30 miles to the Gypsum Town Hall. Parking is available here.



Map Legend

Road	Trailheads
Road Route	Other Trailheads
Doubletrack	Campgrounds
Singletrack	Creeks, Streams
Streets	Rivers, Lakes
Other Roads	Eagle County Boundary
Interstate Exits	Contour: Index, Intermediate
US Interstate	
US Highway	
State Highway	

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Data Sources:
Trails, Route Trailheads, Highways, Contours, Hydrography, Elevation: Eagle County GIS Department
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Cottonwood Pass to Red Hill