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Every week, the 26-year-old former professional road biker from Reading, VT will dispatch his exploits on Backcountrymagazine.com. Conor teamed up with BACKCOUNTRY Magazine, Patagonia, Garmont and Genuine Guide Gear to put together a bio-fueled North American ski tour that will take him from the Kootenays to the La Sals in search of snow—and vegetable oil to keep his motor running.

For BACKCOUNTRY Editor Adam Howard, the only thing better than running a vehicle on maple syrup is running on veggie oil. The Howard family's Vermont home is off the grid and powered by solar energy and a wind turbine. So getting on board with Conor was a no-brainer.

"Conor's trip embraces something we all aspire to do, but can't," Howard says. "Hit the pavement with no strings attached, in search of good people and good snow. The eco-travel aspect is appealing to like-minded backcountry skiers and riders who recognize the environmental and social impacts of their pursuits."

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In order to do the majority of his driving on vegetable oil, Conor has made connections with fellow vegetable oil enthusiasts across the U.S. and Canada. However, there can never be too many sources of oil—so if you have some to spare (he will make fair trades), please email Conor at conorhurley@hotmail.com

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