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**Art Pedaler**

A legendary bike builder unretires to deliver the slickest new all-mountain ride on the planet

**IBIS MOJO CARBON SLX**

25 LBS; \$5,399 AS PICTURED/\$1,899, FRAME ONLY; IBISCYCLES.COM

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