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INTRODUCING OUR NEW MEMBERS, WELCOME ABOARD

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EDITORIAL

RICHARD LAMBERT

President

As usual, if you were not at the last meeting, I will try and give you a synopsis of what we had discussed. As we all know, by now the legislation for the new license plate has been approved, so we are now going to be getting a new plate, a black and white one, starting next year. There is an action going on in Boise, that would like to improve the legislation and add some stuff to it, that we would think would benefit us. I had received an e-mail from Mr. Tom Glass. He had made some suggestions as to what he thought might or might not work in this new addition to the document. He would like to hear any responses that any of us have up here, so if you would like to comment on any of the items that I am going to list, you can send them over to me, and I will make sure that he receives them. Tom's suggestions are as follows; money for law enforcement, designating areas of counties for all of a part of our registration, grant program for enforcement or other purposes, mandatory training for kids or everybody, money for search and rescue, user oversight committee to ensure our money is going for the designated purposes, allowing or restricting kids without drivers licenses operating on public roads open to the new license plate, some form of enforcement authority for Parks & Rec, soft flexible plates for dirt bikes, mandatory liability insurance (this may already be required),

noxious weed awareness and finally crossing or limited travel on State ROW's. Well there you have it. These are some fine suggestions to start the ole ticker thinking. In my own personal opinion, I have a bad feeling about the word enforcement being used so liberally. I think that it is sort of like the guy that is going to get his head chopped off, first sharpening the axe for the axe man. As will be noted further down in this news letter, the Forest Service is not cooperating with us, and they feel that having the law making a bigger presence, will make things better. Enough said about that for now. At any rate, if any of you would like to voice your opinions on any of the about suggestions, please let me know.

TRAVEL PLAN

After the Travel Plan was sent out, Harold and I went down and had a conversation with Mr. Randy Swick, the Head Ranger. Our conversations covered a lot of items some of which I will share with you. First of all we discussed the Fish & Game and the Forest Service Wildlife Department remarks that had a large hand in us not getting any trails that we asked for. It appears that they always say "that due to their documentation and surveys, we (the motorized) are harming the elk population." I told Randy that all they have to do is show us some current surveys that they have conducted, and we would leave them alone. But they will not show us anything, just talk. He said that the information that they gather, is useful surveys that were conducted according to some type of system introduced in 1985, which they are still using. In the new Travel Plan the word safety concerns is mentioned numerous times. Then as you read further down, you will see that they have removed a lot of single track trails, and put the motorcycles on ATV trails. It is my opinion that this is most certainly not a "concern for safety by any stretch of the imagination" Lori Jordon of the PANTRA Motorcycle Assn, agrees. Their speed is much greater than ours, therefore accidents and bad ones are bound to happen. You should also be made aware of a letter that was written by Jeff Cook, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department in Boise. This letter was written in April 2007, he voiced many concerns about the Forest Service closing so many trails to the motorcycles and us. I am also against them riding on our trails, just to mention many many other things he told them. The Forest Service had paid absolutely no attention to his letter and went ahead and merged us all on the same trails. Of course, we are also going to be moved to roads, where jeeps and full size vehicles will also be riding. It also appears that the trails of Laverne Creek that was supposed to be an ATV trail, of which I wrote a letter of support to the Forest Service, has now been stopped. It appears also that the greenies have gotten their hands into this one, and the Forest Service has decided to stop all action on it. So there goes another of our trails. We, again, brought up the 209 trail. We have been asking for the use of that trail for years. I have had comments from a few of the Forest Service employees, one of them the Recreational Ranger, who has since retired, saying that he saw no reason that we could not have that trail. The comment was from Randy that they were not going to approve any user made trails at all. I told him that everyone that goes into those mountains and goes down to Horse Haven uses that trail, closed or not. I also told him that I was aware of the 385 road that also goes down there, but was not going to take a club ride with over twenty machines down there with full size trucks, campers etc. on it too. We would use the 209 trails for nothing more than safety reasons. I also have been telling them, that Back Country

would take care of cleaning it when needed, so there would be no expense to them. I guess it made no difference to him. We asked him if he would like to go for a ride down that trail and tell us the reason that we can't use it. He said that he would, and we are going to hold him to it. Then we talked about the Fish & Game and Forest Services' Wild Life Departments working so close together. If you would like to see what the Travel Plan says, there are two ways to do it. One is to go to the Fernan office and pick up a free disc of it, or you can go to www.fs.fed.us/r1/dpnf/projects/travel_plan and see what that says. You will notice that there are an awful lot of trails that were not accepted due to wildlife concerns.

As we all know, Dick Flugal has worked real hard for us, on trying to get us some trails to use. During the summer, last year, he had rode and documented over 24 loop trails. He was told not to go into any game habitats, which he didn't. After he submitted the trails to the Forest Service, they kept them for a while, and when all was said and done, they had rejected all but five of them on this Travel Plan. There was one route we lost because the road section had an administrative use only designation. Then on another one we got the route and part of it had the same administrative use. There is no consistency at all. Then there was one route out of Jordan Saddle and that was approved early on, as the Wildlife person said no roads up in that area to speak of, and now we lose that one and Fish and Game agreed. If you will look at page EA-35 you will see that they make a big deal about ATV's not riding where they are supposed to. Yet they do nothing or very little to solve it even though they talk about how ATV travel has just come into the recreation use of the forest. Why spend all this time and money and not solve the problem? If you look at pages C-1 through C-4, you will see they talk about all the roads they are changing to temporary closures due to the brush making them too narrow for all vehicles. Then back in the other section they talk about how the old roads with overgrown brush provide the ATV riders with a trail with more obstacles. It looks like they are not consistent in their reasoning. Why not close the roads just to full size vehicles? Are they concerned about the revolt that those people would launch? This is all due to lack of funds for brushing of roads. Is this just poor budgeting on the available money? As I see no cutbacks in the Wildlife people. To me this is just a sign that the Fernan Ranger District is not serious about providing areas for the fastest growing use in recreation in a National Forest, which is designated for multiple uses. They seem to be trying to change this to a road less or wilderness area without the proper designation what it all boils down to is how can you do a proper Travel Plan when you did not set aside enough money for the proper people to go out and actually look at the roads.

As I have mentioned in the meetings, I have been talking to Lori Jordon of PANTRA. They are of the same mind that we are, and are also very upset about the loss of their trails. It is time that all motorized people take a stand. As things progress, I will keep you all informed.

ATV RALLY

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Just an update. Things are still progressing just great. The time is drawing closer and closer for the big day. On the 21 of June, we are going to be having a table set up in front of the Sportsman's Warehouse here in CDA. It is going to be from the morning to ...whenever. I would like for some of you to give me a hand

with this, by coming by and staying for a while to help give out information, sell raffle tickets/t-shirts. You don't have to stay all day, just come and help out for a while. Please give me a call if you think that you can make it at 683.0526. We would also like to invite any and all ATV clubs in the local area to come and join us for the Rally; it should be great fun for all of us.

RIDES

I know that we are all chomping at the bit to get out and ride. There were about five of us that went out to the 4th of July area on Saturday the 24th, to check out the trail to Harrison. We got about five miles, and hit snow. So turned back and decided to try to get to Killarney Lake. Again, we got about 2 plus miles and we again hit deep snow. We went back to the parking lot and tried to get up to Curran and Marie Saddles. The 259 trail was full of snow too. So that about ended out day, and answered out questions.

As most of you also know, Back Country ATV is also a member of the Panhandle Riders Assn. up in Sandpoint. Lloyd Potter, their President would like to merge their rides with ours. I thought that would be a great idea, and there are some great places to ride up north, where we have not been going in the past. In addition, they can come down and join our group when we schedule a ride. So I plan on inserting their rides into our schedule, if they don't conflict with each other. I think that we can get more rides in, for both clubs. Make sure you pay attention to the ride schedule, so you will know whose ride it is going to be.

POST FALLS DAYS PARADE

We have been invited to participate in the Post Falls Days Parade this year. We were in this parade a few years ago, and it was quite fun to do. It is going to be on the 7th of June in Post Falls. Check in begins at 9:00am through 10:30am at Idaho and 6th St. The parade will start at 11:00am. The whole parade will last about 90 minutes. If you have any kind of decorations, i.e. Red, White and blue, you can decorate your machine, they like that. We already have some people that are going to be riding in it, but we sure would like to have a bunch more. So if you would like to join us let me or Bert know so we can put you on the list. If you have candy that you would like to throw to the kids, please bring it.

MEETING INFORMATION

The Board Meeting and the General Meeting will both be held at the IHOP on 4th St. in Coeur d' Alene.

BOARD AND GENERAL MEETINGS: the board meeting will start at 5:30 pm just prior to the general membership meeting at 7:00 pm, on the **THIRD** Tuesday of each month.

Upon presentation of your club card:

IHOP in CDA gives a 20% discount on meals

Mays Honda of Sagle gives a 10% up front discount, and a 5% donation to the club on all parts and accessories.

Coeur d' Alene Honda gives a 10% discount on all accessories.

Les Schwab in Post Falls, gives a 10% discount on all wheels, tires & accessories for you ATV.

Exbabylon computers in Newport give a 20% discount on labor.

Specialties Recreation and Marine give a 10% discount with your club card

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, AND RIDES

The legend below will give you the information about that particular trails characteristic. I hope they will be of some help

SUGGESTED RIDING SKILL LEVEL

EASY – Beginner riding skills: mostly flat trails, no side hills, stay on designated trails

INTERMEDIATE – Experienced riding skills **RECOMMENDED:** roads/trails, possibly some steep slopes, side hills, or loose rocks

COMBINATION – Combination of difficulties, various terrain i.e. Intermediate to Difficult abilities

DIFFICULT – Experienced riding skills **REQUIRED:** trails requiring 4WD, obstacle navigation, rocky, side hills, and slower travel

NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

MILEAGE IS APPROXIMATE & IS FOR ROUND TRIP. ALL RIDES ARE A "RAIN OR SHINE" TYPE RIDE

NOTE: ANY CHANGES TO THE BELOW ITEMS WILL BE ANOTATED IN BLUE, ITALICIZED AND UNDERLINED For ride information please call 683-0526

THIS IS THE LATEST SCHEDULE THROW AWAY ANY PREVIOUS ONES YOU NOW HAVE

It would be great if we all wore helmets this year, and if you have a radio bring it along too as I am sure that there will be more road riding this year thanks to our

Forest Service

HARRISON RIDE – (EASY) (SNOW), (SCHEDULE LATER)

Leave the 4th of July parking lot at 9:00am. Take Exit 28. Go to stop sign, turn left, cross the Hwy, and turn right at stop sign. Lunch in Harrison, or bring it. Might want to bring gas. Approx 70 miles round trip.

CEDARS RIDE – (EASY/INTERMEDIATE) (FLOODED) (SCHEDULE LATER)

Leaving the Bunco parking lot at 9:00am. Bring lunch. Take the Bunco Rd. located on the south end of Silverwood Park on the east side of Hwy 95, follow the road and signs to the parking lot.

POST FALLS PARADE – SATURDAY 7 June – SEE DETAILS ABOVE

HAPPY HERMIT RIDE – SUNDAY 8 June (EASY) HOSTED BY PANHANDLE RIDERS ASSN of Sandpoint.

Leave from the Bunco parking lot at 9:00am. Bring lunch or buy it there. Take the Bunco Rd. located on the south end of Silverwood Park on the east side of Hwy 95, follow the road and signs to the parking lot.

AVERY RIDE – SUNDAY 22 June (INTERMEDIATE) (DEPENDS ON THE SNOW)

Leave from Wallace parking lot, Exit at 61; go to the stop sign at bottom of off ramp. Turn right, and then cross the street into the big dirt parking lot on your left. Lunch in Avery or bring your own. Bring gas. Approx 80 miles round trip.

ATV RALLY – FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 27-29 June

Great fun, lots of prizes to win and many vendors to buy from. Bring your machine and give the track a try, it is like nothing that you have ever done before. If you would like to stay overnight, there is plenty of camping available and a place to store your machine overnight inside. So come on down and have fun.

DIABETIES RIDE 12 OR 13 July?????

NIGHT RIDE – SATURDAY 19 July (EASY)

Leave from the Bunco Parking lot at 5:00pm. Take the Bunco Rd. located on the south end of Silverwood Park on the east side of Hwy 95, follow the road and signs to the parking lot. BBQ at Horse Haven, bring what you would like to eat and drink.

SNAKE PIT RIDE – SATURDAY 19 JUL (INTERMEDIATE)

Leave from the Bunco parking lot. Leaving at 8:00am. Lunch at the Snake Pit, or bring your own. Bring gas or get it near the Snake Pit. Approx 125 miles round trip.

EARLS RIDE – SATURDAY 9 AUG (INTERMEDIATE)

Leaving Wallace parking lot at 9:00am. Guaranteed to be a great ride there will be lunch available at Murray, or bring your own.

CLUB CAMPOUT AT CATALDO CAMPGOUND – FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 15-17 AUG

Friday through Sunday. Eight spots to be reserved for us. Must call Bert to let her know if you are going to make it. Take Exit 40, cross the road, you are there. Bring something for pot luck, if you can. **BRING FIRE WOOD.** Bicycles if you want too.

CLUB PICNIC – SUNDAY 24 AUG,

To be held Rathdrum City Park on Hwy 53, starting at 10:30am, bring your favorite dish, hot or cold. Also, bring your own drinks. The club will bring the hot dogs and hamburgers. Any questions call Bert at 208.683.0526

SILVER DOLLAR BAR RIDE – SATURDAY 6 SEP, (INTERMEDIATE)

Leave from the Wallace parking lot at 8:00am. Exit at 61 go to the stop sign at bottom of off ramp. Turn right, and then cross the street into the big dirt parking lot on your left. Lunch at the Silver Dollar Bar, or bring your own. Gas available at the Bar, or bring gas if you think that you might need it on the way. Approximately 110 miles round trip.

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A COMMUNITY SERVICE PERSON

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1. I have one gas can that goes on the rear of your machine, steel frame with can. Asking \$30.00, ask for Richard at 208.683.0526
2. I have many colors, and designs of dust masks. They are adjustable to fit and work great in the cold, pollen and dust and washable. Only twelve dollars (\$12.00), call Bert at 683.0526
3. If you have any shirts or jackets that you would like to have the club logos put on, you can do that, it's cheaper. We can put the tire design on now. You can even mix and match if you want to. If you have something you want done, let Bert know, and we will get them done for you.
4. Triangle shaped safety flags with the club logo on them for a whip pole for the rear of your ATV's. \$7.00 ea. Contact Bert for information 208.683.0526.
5. We still have our new green long sleeve T-shirts with a new message on the back. "Keep it open – Keep it free". It is an entirely new and unique design by Pete Lucero. These shirts are being given away for a \$20 donation. (Large & X-Large only)

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