



February 12, 2018

Dear Representatives of North Idaho and Rep. Terry Gestrin,

I am writing as the representative of the [Panhandle Trail Riders Association](http://www.pantra.org) (PANTRA) in regards to Rep. Terry Gestrin's RS that will create Legislation to charge out-of-state off-road vehicle riders for using Idaho's trails.

Located in Post Falls Idaho, PANTRA is a 400 member family oriented off-road motorcycle trail riding club dedicated to promoting, maintaining, preserving, and expanding trail riding opportunities in the Inland Northwest (North Idaho/Eastern Washington/Western Montana) while having fun & enjoying the outdoors.

Rep. Gestrin was quoted in a [recent newspaper](#) article saying "Many times, we could ride in their states, our neighboring states, and not be charged, and we'd reciprocate," he said. "Well, some of those states are starting to charge our riders, so (Idaho riders) feel like it's time to reciprocate."

Rep. Gestrin's statement is patently false with reference to our neighbors of Washington and Montana. However, if Rep Gestrin's draft Legislation becomes a bill, then law, it will be a certainty his statement will become true and we will lose reciprocity with our neighbors and be required to pay their sticker fees in addition to Idaho's.

[PANTRA's position](#) on Rep. Gestrin's RS/Legislation is that it will unfairly penalize OHV users in the Panhandle region by requiring us to pay as much as \$65 a year per OHV to be able to continue to ride in our region due to the loss of reciprocity. The \$260 (4 X \$65) fee it would cost a family of 4 would be enough to keep many families home.

Therefore, we are, in the strongest terms, OPPOSED to any Legislation that would eliminate reciprocity with our neighbors!

Regards,

Steve Hart
Vice President – PANTRA

P.S. An alternative funding source for Idaho's trails would to increase Idaho's current OHV registration fee from a ridiculously cheap \$12 to an amount that would provide enough funding for trail maintenance. This proposal would distribute the cost of trail maintenance fairly and equitably to all of Idaho. Even if Idaho's OHV fees were doubled to \$24, it would still be lower than the surrounding States making it a bargain.