



March 9, 2018

Dear Idaho State Senators,

As the representative of the 400+ members of the Panhandle Trail Riders Association (PANTRA), I am writing in regards to HOUSE BILL 509 which will require non-residents to purchase a \$12 sticker for each OHV they intend to use for off-road travel in Idaho.

As we stated to you when this proposed legislation was an RS, we are **OPPOSED** to this legislation because it will lead to an unfair burden on residences of North Idaho ([PANTRA's previous and current position](#)).

We are aware that the Idaho Recreation Council (IRC) is in favor of this bill and, in our opinion, created a conformational biased survey, with leading questions, to get a 90% approval result for this legislation. When the IRC asked questions like "Do you think non-residents should help pay to maintain our trails?", of course the answer will most likely be "yes". If they had asked "Do you think non-residents should help pay to maintain our trails at the cost of losing reciprocity with other states and have to pay their ~\$30 sticker fee to use their trails?", the answer would be completely different.

In fact, unlike the IRC survey with leading questions, after posting the [HOUSE BILL 509 SOP](#), we did a simple unbiased survey asking the 944 members of the Panhandle Trail Riders Facebook group if they were for or against HOUSE BILL 509 and found that 91% who took the survey are **OPPOSED** to it.

You should listen to your constituents that this bill will affect the most (residences of North Idaho) and kill or table this legislation!

Regards,

Steve Hart

VP - PANTRA