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## Executive Director Update for October 19, 2018

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Hello Herndon,

A lot has happened in the last two weeks! We continue to meet with groups, clubs, dealers, political leaders and advocates from all over the country. Whether it was NAXJA, Red Rock 4 Wheelers, Ride with Respect or Backcountry United -- we built new partnerships, rekindled old relationships and found new opportunities to keep trail access open to all! We love what we do!

On October 28th Sharetrails.Org/BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) convenes its annual Fall membership and board meetings. We will be discussing what the organization looks like in 2019, what our legal and legislative focus will be and how we meet the needs of our members. We encourage everyone that can to attend.



We are returning to basics. We are returning to our original mission. Paul and his legal work will become increasingly important. I will more aggressively work on the legislative and political side to create long and enduring change. More than ever, we are devoted to: "Preserving our Natural Resources FOR the Public Instead of FROM the Public."

We will be reaching out to dealer/OHV and aftermarket businesses to create a program focused on getting their support and involvement in keeping public lands/trails open for recreation.

### **Fall Fundraiser update:**

We are currently in the middle of our Fall Fundraiser. We have reached 33% of our [fundraising goal](#) thanks to those of you who have already responded, but we still need everyone's help to reach that goal. Take a few minutes to dig out the fundraiser and send in your check. Better yet, go online to <http://sharetrails.org/donate> and give.

**Below are some of the current battles we are fighting.**

**Legal and Administrative Updates:**

OREGON - Ochoco NF's Summit Trail System objections to Magistrate's Findings and Recommendations were filed September 24, 2018. (See [Ochoco Legal page](#) for objections and more).

CALIFORNIA - Stanislaus OSV comments were submitted October 9, 2018. This is Forest 4 in a series of 5, the Tahoe, Eldorado, Lassen, Stanislaus and the Plumas National Forests. Links to all BRC comments and objection submitted so far are below.

[Lassen OSV Comments](#) (November 20, 2017)

[Tahoe OSV Comments](#) (May 29, 2018)

[Eldorado OSV Comments](#) (August 6, 2018)

[Stanislaus OSV Comments](#) (October 9, 2018)

[Lassen OSV Draft ROD](#) Objections (May 15, 2018)

UTAH - 10th Circuit argument happened on Tuesday, September 25, 2018. This is a UT case originally filed in 2008, which involved travel plans for six BLM field offices spanning 12 million acres. BRC intervened in the case, along with TPA and COHVCO (they have members and keen interest in Moab riding).

**Sharetrails/BRC on the Road - Spencer's Travel Plans**

Spencer Gilbert--along with BRC's Chief of Staff (Mary Jo Foster), Policy Director (Ric Foster) and BRC Board of Directors--will be in Las Vegas October 27th and 28th for workshops and the annual membership and board meetings. The BRC Membership Meeting will be from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and the Board Meeting will be from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort & Casino.

Spencer and Ric will be in Moab, Utah, on November 5th for a meeting with the Red Rock 4 Wheelers.

Contact us at [brc@sharetrails.org](mailto:brc@sharetrails.org) to schedule a get together in your area!

**The future is bright but the battles are only getting tougher.**

Sincerely,  
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