Dear BRC Members and Supporters,

I recently returned from attending several key meetings in Utah and wanted to send out a quick update and Call to Action.

The meetings had to do with the current effort by Utah's U.S. House delegation (Reps Bishop, Chaffetz and Stewart) to develop land use legislation that might solve some of the more contentious issues surrounding public lands.

BRC's Board Member Glen Zumwalt, Clif Koontz with Moab's Ride with Respect and I attended one important meeting at the Utah Capitol. There, Congressmen Bishop and Chaffetz heard updates from county commissioners, Utah legislators, representatives from the Governors office and also various stakeholders on the progress of this effort. Learn more about the effort via Ric's update.

And yes, the radical environmentalists were there in full force. Our update includes information about various new proposals from key environmental groups, including The Nature Conservancy and the Pew Charitable Trusts. At this point it isn't clear if SUWA will move from their previous "our way or NO WAY" position regarding their 10 plus million acre wilderness lockout proposal.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR BRC MEMBERS:
During my recent meetings one inescapable conclusion seems obvious. President Obama is poised to use executive authority to lock up millions of acres of public lands across the U.S.

Indeed, the President's State of the Union speech promised "a year of action," clearly indicating a predilection for using vehicles such as the Antiquities Act, even though such unilateral presidential actions are the most undemocratic way to change how public lands are managed.

Over the past few weeks the Washington, DC, based Wilderness lobby have been pushing for such actions and most recently a group of 109 Democrat lawmakers sent a letter to Interior Secretary Sally Jewell asking the administration for new National Monuments.

CALL TO ACTION
The OHV community should be contacting their elected representatives TODAY and encouraging them to oppose ANY closures of public access to public lands. Remember, presidential actions such as National Monuments can only be reversed by Congress. Our elected officials need to know we strongly oppose new National Monuments.

Finding your elected representatives is easy using BRC's Rapid Response Center – and contacting them is even easier.

Please.... Call your Congressmen and Senator today and tell them you oppose President Obama's plans for more National Monuments on public lands.

Also, BRC’s national partners at ARRA (Americans for Responsible Recreational Access) have several “click and send” action items on their website. Check it here: http://www.arra-access.com

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