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Thanks to the businesses and Landuse partners that supported the BlueRibbon Coalition Christmas Auction to save trails and keep our back country open for the public.

## Land Use Update

BlueRibbon Coalition will be represented by Del & Stacie Albright at "Winter on the Rocks" (WOTR) put on by the Utah 4x4 Club and Canyon Country 4x4 Club. BRC works closely with these clubs and others, as well as the Utah 4Wheel Drive Association. We are proud and honored to be part of this year's activities and look forward to seeing a lot of familiar faces. Of course, we are all about saving trails and keeping the sport alive, so if you spend time jaw-jacking with us, you can figure that will be the topic of choice.

WOTR will be the first stop of our Trail Access Partnership Tour (TAPT) II. TAPT Tours are where businesses join us on landuse adventures bringing offroad businesses together with customers, all in the spirit of saving trails and keep backcountry motorsports alive. Please find more on the TAPT Tour here at <http://www.trailaccesstour.com>.

We want to help raise more raffle prizes for the event so perhaps we can call on you to reach out (again) to any businesses you know of and send them this link and a plea for goodies. We will be doing the

same from our end. Sponsor Packages: [http://www.winterontherocks.com/?page\\_id=377](http://www.winterontherocks.com/?page_id=377)

The event made a nice donation to BRC last year as part of our partnership in fighting for all trails in Utah. We hope to make that donation even bigger this year (with your help). THIS is the year to make the fight for Utah even bigger and badder than it's even been. 2012 is election year and YOU KNOW what that means. We have to make changes at the highest levels in order to keep our freedoms alive and well in the backcountry.

Stacie and I are able to get to WOTR and be BRC this year because of the help of THREE awesome businesses who support us a lot in our landuse fights: T&T Customs, Nemesis Industries and MetalCloak. Please NOTE! These are three businesses with some market share competition for similar products, BUT they set that all aside to support landuse and access. Say thanks when you when you see them.

New Landuse Book: Shortcuts to

Landuse for Beginners (with a lot of volunteer leadership info) is hitting the printers in late January. AD SPACE is still available to help make this book FREE to off-road and backcountry enthusiasts of all sports. Copies can be reserved (supplies will be limited) here: <http://www.delalbright.com/book.html>

Oh, and our new Mobile site for Landuse:

The LANDUSE APP is now available FREE to Droid users here: [http://www.delalbright.com/Access/landuse\\_app.html](http://www.delalbright.com/Access/landuse_app.html).

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## Master-Pull & 4405 LandUse Race Team sponsorship

Master-Pull, the leader in synthetic ropes and recovery equipment, has partnered with Travis Carpenter's 4405 Land-Use Team for the 2012 King of the Hammers. The 2012 King of the Hammers will be the third running of the race for Travis Carpenter, who has qualified through the 2011 Ultra4 series.

The team's mission of "racing for access" will not only continue, but will be further enhanced by several future projects and campaigns through this new partnership. One example of this is the upcoming "4405 Master-Pull Race-A-Thon" which will once again be held by the team at the King of the Hammers race. In 2012 the 4405 Master-Pull Race-A-Thon will have a focus on saving Johnson Valley and the Hammers trail system.

According to driver Travis Carpenter, "I

am very excited to be racing under the Master-Pull banner. This is not a just sponsorship where we will only be running Master-Pull stickers on the 4405, this is a true partnership. We will actually be working with Master-Pull to help insure that public lands remain open to the public. In addition to the 4405 Master-Pull Race-A-Thon, we also have another combined project that will be unveiled by the end of the year."

Alex Riedo of Master-Pull states, "In that the proper use of recovery equipment on the trail is essential in minimizing resource damage, the partnership with Travis Carpenter's 4405 Land-Use Team is a fitting match for Master-Pull. Responsible off-roading is more than just picking up trash on public lands. Reducing your impact on a trail by winching out instead of throttling out can help keep trails open and reduce the maintenance costs by public

land managers."

Master-Pull develops and supplies superior recovery equipment for use in a wide range of applications, from recreational off-road to heavy duty military and industrial use. The ropes used for these applications represent the greatest in synthetic rope technology, which ensures Master-Pull's products are the most reliable in the field. These products include synthetic winch lines, kinetic tow ropes and recovery kits. # # #

If you would like more information on this topic, or to schedule an interview with Kurt Schneider, Please call 925-202-9246 or e-mail Kurt at [Kurt@kurtuleas.com](mailto:Kurt@kurtuleas.com) For more information about Master-Pull products contact Alex Riedo at 360-714-1313 or e-mail Alex at [alex@masterpull.com](mailto:alex@masterpull.com)

## Special points of interest:



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## TPAC's Key Congressional Races in 2012



The folks at Roark Supply, creators of the 1 Gallon Spill Kit, have joined the support team for the BlueRibbon Coalition (BRC) by making a contribution to BRC with each spill kit sold. By stepping up to the plate in this manner, Roark Supply has shown that they obviously care about your access as well as your clean-up needs. The kits range from \$15 to \$19 depending on quantities ordered, and BRC receives a \$5 donation for each kit sold. <http://www.roarksupply.com/1-Gallon-Fluid-Spill-Kit-p/1galspillkit.html>



Dear OHV Trail Voter, As this year comes to a close, the Trail Political Action Committee wants to thank you for helping us get launched in 2011. TPAC supporters and our access friends have a lot to be proud of in 2011. Today, there are pro-trail legislators in the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate who are fighting for our access rights. Some have introduced legislation to address the closure of historic roads and trails by federal land agencies. Other pro-trail politicians have introduced legislation to stop taxpayer funding of eco-lawsuits filed by green anti-access groups to severely restrict or ban OHV recreation. Elected officials in the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate are seeking to address the abuse of the OHV event permitting process by some federal agents. As TPAC prepares its official questionnaire

## Current wilderness legislation is underlining an ideological conflict over public land use

The American West is no longer a beckoning blanket of land waiting to be claimed, as it was when thousands of pioneers migrated toward the new frontier in the middle of the 19th century. Arguably, every parcel of land in the United States now belongs to someone. Yet heated controversy over a bill currently working its way through the House of Representatives shows how some American land is still up for grabs. The bill, labeled the Wilderness and Roadless Release Act of 2011, has lobbyists in Washington, D.C., and grassroots organizations out West sparring over the future of public lands like Montana's Big Snowy Mountains and Devils Canyon in Utah. If the bill is signed into law, these lands will be subject to human-caused change. If the bill is rejected, the lands will remain untouched.

"This is really about unfettered access for developers to our last wild places," says Paul Spitzer, The Wilderness Society's expert on the bill. But supporters like the Western Energy Alliance, an association of oil and natural gas companies based in Colorado, say that land doesn't have to be destroyed in order to be developed. "We believe we've achieved a balance in the West where we develop a good amount of energy while protecting the environment," says Kathleen Sgamma, Director of Governmental and Public Affairs for the group.

In the late 1970s, Congress required the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the United States Forest Service (USFS) to study and review all federal lands in an effort to improve land management. During this inventory, pristine open spaces that could potentially be

designated Wilderness were categorized as either Wilderness Study Areas (by the BLM) or Roadless Areas (by the USFS). The usage of these lands is strictly regulated until their final designation is determined. No permanent environmental disturbances are allowed. The bill, sent to the House floor in April 2011, would remove about 90,000 square miles of land in 38 states from its current status as potential Wilderness and place it under flexible management by the BLM and USFS. The area involved is roughly the size of Minnesota. Under this new management plan, the lands could be considered for oil and gas leases, tree harvesting, motorized recreation and other activities that could impact the environment. Most of the land designated by the bill lies out West, where some see the development of public land as an economic priority. The members of the Western Energy Alliance produce 27 percent of U.S. natural gas and 17 percent of U.S. oil on leased public lands, according to Sgamma. The members argue that it is economically essential for land to be available for different modes of development. "The wealth of a nation should not be locked away," Sgamma says. Sgamma disagrees with environmental groups who claim the bill creates an "open season" for developers. "That's absolutely not true," says Sgamma. She says the lands affected by the bill would remain bound by BLM and USFS land use planning, which requires

<http://www.thetrailpac.com/donate.html>

Thanks for your support of TPAC's effort to get the OHV trail voter engaged.

Best regards,  
Don

Don Amador, Founder  
The Trail Political Action  
Committee

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public comment and environmental assessments before development occurs.

"The lands aren't being released willy-nilly," agrees Greg Mumm, executive director of the Idaho-based BlueRibbon Coalition, an advocacy group for snowmobiling, dirt biking and other motorized recreation. Idaho holds the second-largest share of the land designated by the bill. Mumm says western land should be available to the local communities that often thrive on recreational activities forbidden in wilderness areas, like skiing or touring in all terrain vehicles. "Restrictions placed on resources have eliminated jobs and cut down work," Mumm says. "What this bill is really doing is putting the lands back into a rightful management plan."

Not everyone agrees on the definition of a rightful management plan, however. Some people value these lands precisely because they're undisturbed, says Peter Nelson, Director of the Federal Lands Program at Defenders of Wildlife, which has lobbied strongly against the bill. Nelson says that his decade working for Defenders of Wildlife in western communities has taught him that each roadless area has a "constituency" with personal relationships to the landscape.

<http://scienceline.org/2011/12/this-land-is-my-land/>

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numbers. We've had enough closures and restrictions, let alone unjust treatment from those that oppose our way of life. We are fighting back and combining forces with organizations, groups, clubs, and businesses from all across our great country. Link to doors: <http://www.tntcustommytraildoorstjtyj.asp>



## General notes to help you decide where you fit

About Being a Volunteer

General notes to help you decide where you fit Choosing where you fit, or where to fit your volunteers if you are a leader, is critical to keeping everyone as happy and productive as possible. Volunteers drop out when projects are no longer fun, or the leadership is messy. They will also disappear if they aren't doing something they know how to do. So it's important to fit the volunteer with the job. Here are some simple tips taken from the RLTC online leadership course (<http://www.rltc.biz>). BE HONEST about what you like and don't like to do. Tell the project leader what wraps your winch. But also speak up about what you don't like to do. BE SMART about how much time you can really devote. Your family, friends, job and "other life duties" have a place probably above your volunteer life, so be clear about that when you are loading up your calendar. Deliver what you promise; and don't promise what you can't deliver. BE CLEAR about your strengths and


weaknesses. You can do some things and not others. If your back is out, don't volunteer to wield a shovel, but rather a clipboard or something else. AVOID SAYING YES when you know you can't really do it. Again, it boils down to making sure everyone succeeds in the project or activity - DELIVER what you promise; and don't promise what you can't deliver. CHOOSE YOUR BEST VOLUNTEER FIT:

1. DIRECT SERVICE = club leader, coach, worker bee, trailer hauler, counselor?
2. LEADER = officer, board member, committee chair, fundraiser?
3. GENERAL SUPPORT = office worker, cleaner, receptionist, safety officer, web help?
4. MEMBER AT LARGE = occasionally attend meetings or projects to help.

LEAD OR FOLLOW; but don't just waste good talent. ALWAYS BE CLEAR ON EXPECTATIONS -- what makes you smile vs. frown? Both sides, the leader and the volunteer should be clear on Expectations. If it makes you smile, write an Expectation to achieve it;

if it makes you frown, write an Expectation to avoid it (taken directly from the RLTC online training course). SIGN UP for what you can do -- paperwork, wield a shovel, lead a committee HERE is a great article on the CARE and FEEDING of VOLUNTEERS. NOTE: Volunteer Fit references are from "Leadership and Management of Volunteer Programs, by James C. Fisher and Kathleen M. Cole who referenced Heidrich, K.A. in "Volunteers' Life Styles: Market Segmentation Based on Volunteer's Role Choice."



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## Direction Change for Marines could be Good News

The Associated Press published an article about the Post War Marines: smaller, less focused on land war.

([http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US\\_AFT ER\\_IRAQ\\_MARINES?SITE=AP](http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/U/US_AFT ER_IRAQ_MARINES?SITE=AP))

I found the article interesting and informative. I have been following General Amos and read some of his past statements regarding his vision for the future of the Marines as that has a direct bearing on an issue that is important to me: expansion of 29 Palms Marine Base and Johnson Valley OHV Area.

With the statements attributed to General Amos in the article, I see a potential for change in the active base structure maintained by the Marines. However, over the years, many Generals and Admirals have stated "visions" for the future of their segment of the military. Many have resulted in no change while some have resulted in fundamental changes within the military. The AP article begs two important questions. 1) Does General Amos have the support of the

Joint Chiefs of Staff to move forward with his vision? 2) And, does his vision correlate with the priorities of the current administration?

With regard to the degree of support from the Joint Chiefs (General Amos is one of them), I would say it's unclear. What is clear, however, is that the end of the recent era of rapidly increasing defense budgets is likely to intensify inter-service rivalries, which might call into question the amount of support General Amos will have from the Army especially.

With regard to whether General Amos' priorities are in sync with those of the administration, I would say yes, if we are referring to his desire to reorient the Marines toward the Asia-Pacific region. That is definitely an administration priority.

In the end, the mantra from the Marines in support of base expansion is the need to "Train as we fight." Reorientation of the mission of the Marines back to their roots as an amphibious assault force may, just may, be important.

While the AP article did not mention retreat

from base expansion plans, it did underscore budget priorities will have an impact on the future.

The Final Environmental Impact Statement covering the proposed base expansion is expected to be released in January 2012.

Following signing of a Record of Decision, the formal request to withdraw land from public access and transfer it to the exclusive use of the military will be submitted for consideration by Congress.

Under congressional protocol, the proposal is expected to be subject to hearings before two or three congressional committees; House Defense Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Natural Resources Committee. A similar process is expected within the Senate.

CA4WDC is committed to working with other recreation interests and affected groups to preserve access to Johnson Valley for recreation.

Note: E-mail correspondence with the author of the AP article was incorporated in this report.

## Arizona – FS proposing changes to Safford Ranger District Motorized Travel System

The Coronado National Forest, located in southeastern Arizona, is proposing changes to the motorized transportation system on the Safford Ranger District. The system that is currently in place was originally established according to direction in the Coronado National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan; 1986, as amended). The first step in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process is "scoping", during which the public is asked to help identify issues, concerns and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action. Comments received du

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proposed action. Comments received during scoping will be reviewed and used by Forest resource specialists to analyze project effects, and as necessary, to develop mitigation measures, issues and alternatives. Other opportunities for public involvement in the NEPA process will be offered by future meetings and document reviews.

Maps showing the proposed changes are available for public review at the District Office in Safford (address below), at the Forest Supervisor's Office in Tucson (300 West Congress Street), and on the Forest's public website at [www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=36561](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=36561).

Comments should be submitted by February 16, 2012. Written comments may be sent by U.S. mail to Mr. Buddy Zale, Travel Management Project Leader, Safford Ranger District, 711 S. 14th St., Safford, AZ 85546; by facsimile to (928) 428-2393, ATTN: Safford Travel Management NEPA; and by email to [comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-southwestern-coronado@fs.fed.us) with "Safford Travel Management NEPA" in the subject line. Email comments may be sent in the body of the message, in rich text format (.rtf) or in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx). Please direct telephone comments to Mr. Zale

at (928) 348-1972.

Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Coronado National Forest's website at [www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=36561](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=36561).

To do this, select "Comment on Project" in the blue "Get Connected" box. At the same location, you may also elect to receive electronic updates about this project by selecting the "Subscribe to Email Updates" link.

As part of this scoping process, the Forest Service will host open-house meetings in Tucson and Safford, Arizona. Comment forms will be available at these meetings, which everyone is welcome to attend. Notices of the times and places of these open houses will be posted on the Forest public web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/coronado) and in the Tucson and Safford local newspapers.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact BRC.

Thanks in advance for your support,

Ric Foster

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BlueRibbon Coalition

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[www.ama-cycle.org](http://www.ama-cycle.org)

[www.atvaonline.com](http://www.atvaonline.com)

[www.sharetrails.org](http://www.sharetrails.org)

[www.sharetrails.org/backcountry](http://www.sharetrails.org/backcountry)

[www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org)

[www.ih8mud.com](http://www.ih8mud.com)

[www.off-road.com](http://www.off-road.com)

[www.sema.org](http://www.sema.org)

[www.fmdac.org](http://www.fmdac.org)

[www.tlca.org](http://www.tlca.org)

[www.americansandassociation.org](http://www.americansandassociation.org)

[www.arra-access.com](http://www.arra-access.com)

[www.goldprospectors.org](http://www.goldprospectors.org)

[www.orba.biz](http://www.orba.biz)

[www.poisonspyder.com](http://www.poisonspyder.com)

[www.btlovers.com](http://www.btlovers.com)

[www.muimnet.net](http://www.muimnet.net)

[www.cal4wheel.com](http://www.cal4wheel.com)

[www.justgoodtrails.com](http://www.justgoodtrails.com)

[www.camel4x4.com](http://www.camel4x4.com)

[www.quietwarriorracing.com](http://www.quietwarriorracing.com)

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## IS YOUR OFF ROAD FUTURE ABOUT PASSION OR APATHY?



### “WHAT WE’VE GOT THERE IS A FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE”

That well-known line was spoken first to and then by Luke, played by Paul Newman in the 1967 classic film Cool Hand Luke. Working in powersports retail, volunteering as an access advocate and interviewing those whose names are synonymous with off-road, I’d be tempted to use that quote for the title of my first book. Nearly everyone I speak to about off-road advocacy, from local club leaders to national champions, association heads and members of the off-road industry and press, agrees that communication is the key to maintaining access.

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 You may have heard, or even told others, that riding off road is like having someone spray you with a hose while his buddy hits you with a hammer and their accomplice pulls Benjamins out of your pocket. We drive overnight to events, spend long nights wrenching, stretch home budgets for bikes, gear and accessories, regularly risk personal injury and even relationships pursuing what for most of us is a hobby. Like an entrepreneur who considers a good bankruptcy or two part of the path to success, we consider broken bones or “it’ll all work out” going sour a few times just part of the ride because we’ve caught the dirt bike bug and we wouldn’t want the cure if there was one.

Are we nuts? Or are we so passionate about riding that we’ll do whatever it takes to continue? When I spoke with off-road champions Dick Burselon, Randy Hawkins, Shane Watts and others for this article they were very clear about the passion we dirt bikers bring to our hobby, sport and, for some, livelihood. You may have also run into a few of us, perhaps even in your bathroom mirror, who feel angry, defeated, overwhelmed and ineffective dealing with those who think we’re all criminals, the miles of red tape required to host a legal off road event and the Hollywood elite who pour millions of dollars into anti-access efforts. Not to mention uninformed politicians determining our future. Some of us have decided we’re clearly outgunned politically, that eventually we are going to lose it all anyway so why bother fighting. Others have adopted ‘let’s just get ours while we still can’ as their off-road battle cry and ride pirate tracks or ‘remove plates and registration stickers, ride fast and stop for no one’ as their preferred riding style.

### PASSION

“Apple stores are so successful because their employees are passionate about the products. Sound familiar?” That assertion was made and question posed by Dennis Johnson, Editor in Chief of DealerNews Magazine in July, relating the passion both employees and riders bring to a motorcycle dealership to that which Apple computer fanatics bring to their stores. He goes on to ask “which industry is selling items that are more wanted than need to people who really, really want them?”. Our general manager reminds us that we are part of that industry almost every week in our shop’s sales meetings. We’re all about helping people have fun, feeding their passion. We’re selling to people who have “drunk the Cool-Aid” as Dennis wrote in DealerNews.

**APATHY**  
 Sharing my articles with peers on both sides of the off-highway-vehicle (OHV) enthusiast and land management debate, I was afraid an article in which enthusiasts describe their plans for the future might somehow end up “showing our cards” to the green side. No need for concern. Dan Amador, owner of Quiet Warrior Racing, and the western representative for the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC), told me he believes the main reason we’ve seen so many closures in the past 40 years is the apathy of the OHV community. He’s actually in very good company among those in the know. Chris Horgan, Executive Director of Stewards of the Sequoia told me, “The biggest threat to access is apathy and lack of involvement. If we don’t get involved, we will lose”. We’ve all run into apathetic riders, perhaps in the mirror—at least on occasion. They’re the ones who feel

they stand no chance against the well-financed and therefore well-lawyered anti-access groups. They’re the ones who are too busy, say “someone else will take care of it” or who don’t feel they’re good enough communicators to stand up in a meeting or write a letter to the editor or their political representative. They’re the folks who you’ve heard say, “What do you mean I can’t ride here, why I’ve ridden here for years? Heck, this is where my father taught me how to ride a dirt bike and it’s where I’m teaching my kids” who don’t know that their Trail Rider. October, 2011 Page 3 family’s favorite riding area may never have been a legal place to ride. As our population increased and new roads have allowed access for all types of adventurers (including both our critics and us), conflicting demand for the same resource has also increased. Those signs or citations the now angry and apathetic guy who just wants to maintain his family riding tradition is complaining about may just be formalizing a rule that’s been in place for years but only recently been publicized or enforced. A similar scenario that is creating dirt biker outlaws and rider apathy is when longtime legal riding areas are reclassified “multiple use”, but made off limits to dirt bikers. Often we’re the ones who built and maintained the trails whose quality deteriorates from lack of access and attention by responsible bikers or limited budgets of agencies responsible for their management. Link to whole article: <http://image.automotive.com/f/39550935/TR%205%20The%20Future.pdf>

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## California – Your Help Needed

Based on hundreds of calls and emails to the BlueRibbon Coalition's (BRC) main office this past week we became aware of the news that Daphne Greene was given a termination notice by the Governor's Office. Greene is Deputy Director for the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division at State Parks and her term ends December 31, 2011. BRC understands the common practice of candidates -- who were voted into elected office -- replacing the previous administration's political appointees. However, what makes this case different and of great concern to BRC is it appears G

Based on hundreds of calls and emails to the BlueRibbon Coalition's (BRC) main office this past week we became aware of the news that Daphne Greene was given a termination notice by the Governor's Office. Greene is Deputy Director for the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division at State Parks and her term ends December 31, 2011.

BRC understands the common practice of candidates -- who were voted into elected office -- replacing the previous administration's political appointees. However, what makes this case different and of great concern to BRC is it appears Greene was replaced based on an unjust targeted political effort by a few anti-OHV activists and biased regulators to poison her reappointment process.

BRC reminds its members that Greene issued in a significant number of important reforms that addressed the ongoing plundering of the OHV Trust Fund by other state agencies, it streamlined the grant process, and brought accountability to the program. Her work ethic, commitment to serving the public, and efforts to champion an environmentally sound and sustainable OHV program has been recognized at the national level by sister land agencies, OHV groups, and common sense conservation groups.

BRC is sending in an [official letter](#) today and asks that you (if you have not done so already) send a letter to the Governor's Office. Also, please send State Senator Joel Anderson as copy of your letter as he will hand carry those letters to the Governor.

**SacBee Article on Greene Issue (Dec. 17, 2011)**

[http://www.sacbee.com/2011/12/17/4128694/the-buzz-off-road-enthusiasts.html#disqus\\_thread](http://www.sacbee.com/2011/12/17/4128694/the-buzz-off-road-enthusiasts.html#disqus_thread)

BRC believes the Governor does not have an immediate replacement already selected and may be open to reconsider Greene for reappointment to her current post.

### ACTION ITEMS

BRC believes all OHV interests, common sense conservationists, and land management professionals should make your views known to Governor Jerry Brown.

#### 1 - Send a letter of support for Greene's reappointment to:

Governor Jerry Brown, State Capitol, Suite 1173, Sacramento, CA 95814  
 FAX: 916.558.3160, Email: [veronica.ortiz-torres@gov.ca.gov](mailto:veronica.ortiz-torres@gov.ca.gov)

#### 2 - Utilize CAL4WD's Letter Generator:

CAL4WD Alert and Letter Generator. <http://capwiz.com/cal4wheel/home/>

#### 3 - Send a copy of your letter to State Senator Joel Anderson:

Email Senator Joel Anderson, [saveohv@gmail.com](mailto:saveohv@gmail.com)

BRC is proud to join this effort in combination with the many other grassroots and organizational processes already underway to help keep Greene at OHMVRD.

**As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact BRC.**

**Thanks in advance for your support.**

Don Amador  
 Western Representative  
 BlueRibbon Coalition  
 925.625.6287

## Upcoming events & Staff



TAPT Tour II	Jan 13 – Mar 5
2012 KOH	Feb 2 - 11
Cal4 Convention	Feb 24 - 26
Winter Fun Festival	Jan 13 - 15
TDS	Mar 3 - 5
Winter on the Rocks	Jan 27 - 28



NAME	SCREENAME	MAIN ORGANIZATION	TAA TITLE	NOTES
Kurt Schneider	kurtuleas	OV Rocksports; Pirate4x4	Warrior	Pirate Board
Don Amador	cuttenkid	BlueRibbon Coalition; ThumperTalk	Warrior King	Western States
Todd Ockert	Navy-Jeepster	Access Army, FOTR, Cal4, BRC	Air Warrior	Access Army Times Editor
Brian Richardson	sincity	Sin City; JustGoodTrails.com	Pending	CO
Del Albright	jeepndel	BlueRibbon Coalition; Cal4	Grand Poobah	Founder
Dale Robins	fermentor	Rubicon Rockheads	Surgeon General	Dispenser of Elixirs
Jacquelyne Theisen	Bebe	Friends of the Rubicon	Grand Poobette	Hummer
Stacie Albright	LadyRed	Various; Social Networks	Warrior Queen	MWIC
Kevin Carey	Uget-it	Land Use Pirate4x4; FOTR	Warrior King	VLLS Graduate
John Stewart	kf6zpl	Muirnet.net; CA4WDC; TDS	Warrior King	www.4x4wire.com

