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To Whom it May Concern;

I have had a chance to further review the Lower Sonoran Sonoran Desert National Monument RMP which includes Saddle Mountain and Palo Verde Hills located in Tonopah, AZ. Please add the following concerns to the Public Comments on the Plan.

- ◆ **"Lands managed to protect wilderness characteristics"** is negligible and is **not** adequate for the survival of healthy herds of Saddle Mountains wildlife, Big Horn Sheep, Kit Foxes, Gray Foxes, Mule Deer etc., or for the protection of water cachements, Cultral Resources and/or Archeology sites.
- ◆ **Desert Tortoise Habitat** is caterogized as Category II. Desert Tortoise are present and healthy on Saddle Mountain as witnessed by several people who have hiked the Mountain during 2011. We would like this upgraded to Category I.
- ◆ **ACEC designation** while Saddle Mountain has this designation, we are concerned that this does not manage off road use or restrict shooting in critical areas.
- ◆ **Community Interface** Saddle has a SRMP but we strongly disagree with the Community Interface from Alternative E and would like to see it removed.
- ◆ **Wildlife Corridors** on Alternative E are greatly reduced, we prefer Alternative D in this instance. We have documented evidence of Big Horn Sheep, Mule Deer, Kit Foxes, Gray Foxes, Nesting Red Tail Hawk Sites, coyote, rabbits, and others continual use of the much wider range as documented in Alternative D.
- ◆ **Travel Management** The plan as shown on Alternative E puts at risk Cultral Resources, Wildlife Augmentation and Water Cachements we stronly recommend elimating the Ring Road aka Rd 8201. Arizona Fish & Game prefer the closure of this road as well as The Wilderness Society and Arizona Wilderness Coalition.
- ◆ **Prohibited Area for Renewable Energy Development Area** Kudos's to the Bureau of Land Management, we are in total agreement and are thrilled to find Saddle Mountain in its entirety in the prohibited area. Well Done.

Sincerely yours,



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