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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011 11:33:25 AM  
**To:** BLM\_AZ\_LSFO\_SDNM\_RMP  
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Sir/Ma'am,

I am an active duty Air Force Officer currently stationed at DM as well as a resident of Pima County. I am strongly opposed to any closure of public lands to target shooting or hunting. I routinely take military members for firearms training on BLM land. The large amount of land coupled with a location far removed from occupied structures lend itself to adequately preparing these folks to serve in the hostile environments overseas. Good backstops combined with common sense allow a 360 degree training environment to practice basic maneuvers and advanced weapon safety. As the encroachment of building increases around Davis Monthan, the ability to train this way has already been severely degraded. I ask that you keep these lands open to "target shooting" to help ensure our motivated military members continue to deploy with additional training under their belts. Thanks very much.