

From: Lower Sonoran RMP
Subject: FW: Plan comments

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 12:19:42 PM
To: BLM_AZ_LSFO_SDNM_RMP
Subject: Plan comments

Auto forwarded by a Rule I find the plan of over 1500 pages to be way to excessive and impossible for any member of the public to understand it or make intelligent comments.

Banning target shooting under the misguided claim it will damage monument property is at best ludicrous, even wilderness areas do not ban what is a legal activity enjoyed by many Americans. Ever heard of the 2nd amendment?

The plan should have several open travel areas and not just a measly – 40 acres in Ajo. You've missed the point of having this tool at your disposal. You need several of these to help manage people who like to ride ATVs for fun (and in donuts). Without more of these types of areas, I think you're going to be in situation where the area along Agua Caliente Rd becomes popular and you have no designated place for people to congregate. What is it going to hurt to designate several thousand acres of open area out of a million acres.

A road in Dendora Valley is missing from the route inventory. It connects from Oatman Mtn repeaters road to Saddle Road (parallel to RR tracks on south side). It appears on 100k topo maps as well as 24k maps. It's easiest to find from the north end. This road is important because it is completely on BLM land and goes around the big farm in Dendora Valley. It makes hunting and camping in this area feasible.

There is an administrative action that should be a management action. It refers to how authorized actions would have to replace access routes. It can be found in the travel management section.

Why discriminate against vehicles with an OHV tag in the SDNM, I have a motorcycle that is street legal and also has an OHV tag, what you are doing is blatant discrimination against one type of legal vehicle. Similar protected areas such as the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge and the Mojave National Preserve allow licensed vehicles used by licensed drivers. One can get a permit to drive the Camino El Diablo with any licensed vehicle. Mojave National Preserve does not require any permit, however, the state of California does not recognize licensing of ATVs or UTVs, so only street legal motorcycles are allowed. Considering these two examples, I hope you'll see that licensed drivers using licensed vehicles continues to be the standard for protected areas. Furthermore, I'll add that wise use of vehicles should make the type of vehicle irrelevant, just like guns. Also, if you ban all ATVs and the like from SDNM, will Border Patrol and BLM police also be banned. If not, how will you know if people are using these vehicles in SDNM?

The ban on racing appears to just be laziness on this field office's part, the Hassayampa field office has two areas of approximately 30,000 acres each where motorized racing is allowed. The Buckeye Hills, east of Hwy 85, Saddle Mtn, Ajo and Gila Bend have been areas where racing was allowed. You could at least allow the areas furthest from Phoenix, Ajo and Gila Bend to remain open to racing. The terrain in much of your field office is very similar to the Lake Havasu Field Office which hosts the Parker 400 race annually. They are able to sustainably allow trucks, buggies as well as smaller vehicles to run. They only race once per year, use some county roads to connect trails and it's an uplift to the local and state economy.

This is monument not a wilderness so please do not manage it as such and do not manage it with more restrictions than a wilderness.

