

From: Lower Sonoran RMP
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 howdy blm,

i believe alternate "d" offers the best management plan for both the lower sonoran and the sonoran desert national monument. i offer the following summary:

1. map 2-2d depicts and offers several critical wildlife movement corridors. wildlife need xtensive habitat to move to and from. this promotes genetic strength.
2. map 2-4d offers more lands to protect wilderness characteristics. wilderness is the best protection for landscape. it is the best wildlife habitat, therefore for us hunters the best hunting habitat. it is less disturbed for healthier wildlife needs.
3. map 2-7d offers more xcluded areas for utlity and renewable energy placements. i would go on to say that i believe blm, other gov agencies should look at buildings to place solar panels. instead of developing raw landscape for alt energy why not look at areas already developed, or buildings already built to place alt energy....utilizing areas/buildings already in use or abandoned saves that much more habitat for wildlife needs. hunters needs.
4. map 2-8d xcludes cattle from grazing. since your areas are all within the sonoran desert landscape this would be the best alt as cattle grazing is not conducive to the sonoran desert landscape.
5. map 2-12d this alternate would offer more intense recreational management especially motorized use. less motorized use, in less area, would benefit wildlife and the landscape itself. less erosion, less dust, less noise, etc
6. map 2-14d is the better as it closes more to motorized use. as indicated in number 5 above, this would benefit the landscape and in turn enhance wildlife habitat.
7. map 2-15d i would favor this alt as it protects more landscape from use, especially motorized use. at the meeting in mesa, your wildlife biologist indicated the area of the sand tanks and beyond is being considered to augment habitat for the sonoran pronghorn antelope. therefore less human intrusion is better.
8. map 2-16d has more special designations and this would offer more protection of the landscape, more intense managment, and above all be best for wildlife habitat.
9. appendix g - map 2 indicates populations of sonoran desert tortoise, a specials of great concern in arizona. i believe wilderness designation (and currently managed for wilderness characteristics) would be the best for this area to protect wildlife needs.
10. map 3-4 depicts reintroduction areas for the endangered sonoran pronghorn antelope. i think this would be one of the great offers that blm does for wildlife. i hope blm will follow thru with this reintroduction if determined feasible by your biologists and fws. and alternated d would be the prime decision for the landscape to support this effort.

a few random comments:

1. i hope you can boost patrols of the landscape, not only for illegal uses by citizens, but also the negative impact of illegal human migrations.
2. i appreciate your inclusion of wilderness characteristics in your plan and alternatives. wilderness in fact does not xclude humans, but it does offer the best protection for wildlife habitat. better wildlife habitat = better game hunting.

thankyou for the opportunity to comment.