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Recently I attended meetings with a group called the Sonoran Desert Heritage club. This group is against this plan and feels it should be completely redone designating an additional 750,000 acres as wilderness. Of course that would cost the tax payers millions.

During the course of these meetings I met many concerned people and was able to show them my copy of the draft LSRMP. This site is a bit confusing at times and I'm receiving many emails from people having trouble posting their comments. (I volunteered to help them)

The last meeting was November 17th in Buckeye, Az.

I fielded many of the questions and explained the plan as best as I could. There were many people who are not very computer literate and I offered to walk them through the comment process. Walking these people through the process is taking longer than I hoped and many of their comments may not be submitted in time. With this being such an important issue with long lasting effects on the public, we need more time. I hope you are receiving many comments. That would show greater public involvement.

I'd like to see an extension to this comment period. Maybe just an extra 30 days. This will give me time to help these folks learn to use the website and make their comment. I do realize there is a time line but since the goal is to obtain public comments I think this is the right thing to do. If it were only a few people I wouldn't say anything, but there was forty-fifty people at the last meeting.

Thank you for considering this request.

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