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Emily Garber

Dear Ms. Garber, Garber,

I am assuming that you, like myself, treasure the natural and cultural sites in our country that inspire and educate us. Getting out of our homes and vehicles and confronting the grandeur of sites such as the Sonoran Desert National Monument touches our hearts and awakens our deepest feelings. Our respect for the land and its natural resources restores beauty and meaning to our lives.

I have learned that the BLM's preferred alternative in its draft plan to manage the Lower Sonoran Field office and the Sonoran Desert National Monument is inadequate for protection of the planning area. BLM is required to do better under its organic act and the proclamation establishing the Sonoran Desert National Monument. The recommendation of BLM's draft plan does not adequately protect the wildness of the Sonoran Desert.

The draft plan proposes to keep many existing routes in the travel network that have led to natural and cultural resource damage. In the plan, major vehicle travel routes through wilderness character areas would remain open to motorized travel. This travel management recommendation endangers the survival of both native wildlife and cultural sites. I respectfully encourage you to adopt Alternative D. This alternative also provides the necessary management that is required by the monument proclamation for the Sonoran Desert National Monument.

Sincerely,

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