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**From:** Lower Sonoran RMP  
**Subject:** Protect Sonoran Desert Lands!

From: information@sierraclub.org [mailto:information@sierraclub.org] On Behalf Of Roy Thatcher  
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Subject: Protect Sonoran Desert Lands!

Oct 9, 2011

BLM Lower Sonoran Field Office  
21605 North 7th Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85027

Dear Lower Sonoran Field Office,

I support strong protections for Sonoran Desert National Monument and other Bureau of Land Management lands included in the Draft Resource Management Plan for the Lower Sonoran and Sonoran Desert National Monument. Alternative D comes much closer to adequately protecting these lands than does the agency's preferred alternative.

I urge you to consider choosing Alternative D, or at least additional components of Alternative D, as it provides the most protection for wildlife, wildlife habitat, and the sensitive Sonoran Desert vegetation, as well as for cultural sites and resources.

I strongly support additional protections from off-road vehicles and irresponsible shooting, plus the additional protections for lands with wilderness characteristics that are identified in Alternative D.

Face Mountain, Yellow Medicine Butte, and cultural sites along the Gila River will continue to be damaged by irresponsible motorized uses under the preferred alternative -- please provide additional protections for these lands. I ask that you also consider protecting wilderness characteristics for lands in the Painted Rock Mountains, including the significant archaeological resources.

I support providing for wildlife connectivity in the following areas as identified in the plan: Sierra Estrella Mountain to Table Top Mountain, Sierra Estrella Mountains to North and South Maricopa Mountains to Sand Tank Mountains, Buckeye Hills to North Maricopa Mountains.

This is extremely important. It is urgent that we act immediately..

Please provide stronger protections for these sensitive Sonoran Desert lands, so they are here for our enjoyment and for future generations.  
Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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