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I too am disgusted when I observe any amount of trash left behind in our beautiful desert spaces. I consider myself to be a conservationist and general outdoorsman. Along with that identification I also consider myself to be a strong supporter of state rights, and the rights of those people within that state; namely Arizona. The problems described in the federal government's general management plan are not so much a product of responsible Arizona citizens but more of a problem associated with irresponsible (criminal) legal citizens and illegal aliens. Are we to believe that target shooting and OHV travel is responsible for all the damage to our beautiful desert? I did not see any data in your proposed plan but I would be curious to know many bullet holes you found in Cactus' verses how many piles of illegal alien trash were found. More importantly, does your office honestly believe that irresponsible people that shoot cactus' would now be deterred from shooting them by further restrictive laws prohibiting target shooting? If these people are not concerned with the appearance of our beautiful desert and cactus protection under current federal laws, WHAT makes your office believe an more regulated approach would work? The only result from this type of management will be the same, Law abiding people will continue to abide by laws and those whom do not care will continue to disobey. In the end, less area will be available to responsible citizens to use for target shooting and simple OHV operation. The correct approach to protection of these areas is more complicated Im afraid. It actually involves the federal government enforcing the border and our immigration policy; unfortunately something that BLM is not directly responsible for but should in good concious propose as a solution. With that, combine enforcement (Local) and target trash dumpers and irresponsible people who damage our lands by leaving trash behind. Take those people to jail for leaving behind their litter regardless of their immigration status. This would be a good start to our problem. MORE LAWS and federal restrictions will do nothing. Good responsible people will honor the law the others will not, It is that simple. No more federal laws or restrictions, respect state rights. Respectfully, TJ Hale Wittmann, AZ