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Sonoran Desert Management Plan

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Comment:

Thank you for allowing me to submit comments on the proposed draft to our Sonoran Desert Management Plans. I have lived in Arizona for 15 years and love the variety of wildlife and habitat here. As I have seen our state growing day by day, I find myself extremely concerned about the encroachment of our lands and the impacts to wildlife and their habitats. We have one of the most unique deserts in the world, and I believe it is our responsibility to protect it and the creatures who rely on it. I have reviewed the proposed draft and have a few areas of concern. They are pertaining to the use of motorized vehicles in the area and the wildlife migration corridors. I encourage you to strengthen enforcement and posting of signs for authorized motor vehicle in designated areas. I urge the BLM to commit to the route designation process immediately, seeing that it is not addressed in this draft proposal. In addition, I ask that you close more miles of unecessary road to public use than proposed in this plan. My other area of concern focuses on the protection of wildlife migration corridors. I ask that the BLM recognize the vital role of linking existing wildlife movement corridors together, so that species like bighorn sheep, mule deer, and other key species can move across the landscape safely. I also support the designation of Priority Wildlife Areas and Wildlife Movement Corridors. These designations will help facilitate the recovery of imperiled species and maintain important landscape linkages between mountain ranges.

Thank you for caring about our land and their future.