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Ms. Elaine Zelinski
Arizona State Director
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Dear Ms. Zelinski:

I wish to bring to your attention a matter concerning Mike Norman who would like to be informed on the progress of the Lake Havasu draft Resource Management Plan.

Because the situation is under your jurisdiction, I am respectfully referring this matter to you for consideration. I feel that this issue would be better addressed by you and request that you respond directly to Mr. Norman.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


John McCain
United States Senator

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Enclosure(s)



HAVASU 4 WHEELERS, Inc.
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December 30, 2005
The Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
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Re: DOI/BLM -Lake Havasu Field Office
Resource Management Plan/2005

My dear Senator McCain, *Not found*

Enclosed is a copy of the Havasu 4Wheeler's Inc. response to the federal Bureau of Land Management's Lake Havasu Field Office recent draft Resource Management Plan for 1.3 million acres surrounding our community. We are asking that the final RMP show no drastic changes from the current practices on these public lands, with regard to Recreational and Transportation issues. Not only would severe curtailment of access to these lands reduce our recreational economic base (estimated at 269 million dollars per year in Mohave and LaPaz Counties) it would also increase a tremendous monitoring and law enforcement problem that already exists.

We are asking for your personal support with DOI/BLM in discussions and issues that may come before you in your duties as our elected representative. We would fully support enhanced appropriations for the BLM in Arizona strictly for the purpose of monitoring and law enforcement on these wide-spread public lands. There is almost none at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Norman
Mike Norman
President



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Mr. Mike Norman, President
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Dear Mr. Norman:

Senator John McCain asked me to respond to a letter that you sent to our Lake Havasu Field Office on December 30, 2005.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) greatly appreciates how the Havasu 4 Wheelers has actively supported and assisted Tim Smith, Field Manager, and the staff of the Lake Havasu Field Office (LHFO) in developing route inventory and travel management portions of the Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) issued in 2005. Your organization's contribution of hundreds of volunteer hours completing route and trail information, adding 55 routes to the BLM original inventories, is remarkable.

The BLM also appreciates the Havasu 4 Wheelers' decision early in the planning process to participate in the RMP to ensure the best interests of public lands and the public who desire a safe and enjoyable recreational experience.

The Havasu 4 Wheelers' request to "show no drastic changes in the new RMP from current practices on public lands" has been noted. One reason the RMP is being developed is to address a 65% increase in recreational visits to public lands since 1986. In 2001, the *National Strategy for Motorized Off-Highway Vehicle use on Public Lands* was written to help local managers meet the challenges of motorized off-highway vehicle use in the fast-growing west. The Preferred Alternative for the LHFO RMP implements that strategy, with the major change in terminology that shifts from "existing roads and trails" to "designated roads and trails." This change will take time to implement, and the BLM will need continued assistance from Havasu 4 Wheelers and others as it is integrated into a Travel Management Plan for the area.

The management and staff of the BLM look forward to completing the LHFO RMP and working with the Havasu 4 Wheelers and others to ensure public lands and their abundant recreation opportunities will be available for present and future generations to experience.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael A. Taylor //

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