

To: BLM Lake Havasu Field Office TMP
Attn: Project Manager
Attn: Cindy
2610 Sweetwater Ave.
Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406

From: <Name>

Re: Public Comment Form
Comments relating to Boulder Gulch
Route ID Numbers **HN478, HN479, HN466 and HN465**
plus a New/ Missing Route

Dear Sirs,

We are opposed to the closing of Boulder Gulch Trail and the following Routes, HN 478, HN 479, HN 466 and HN 465, as well as a major New/Missed Route

○ **HN 478, HN479, and HN 466** are closed on Maps C & D and are part of a cut across route that saves time and extra travel to reach Boulder Gulch

○ **Between them lays a connector trail** missed by BLM, but turned in by the Havasu 4 Wheelers prior to December 31, 2005. All of these routes are maintained and used regularly by Extreme Jeeps.

The GPS Lat & Long for the New/Missed route is:

Beginning	34 27' 43.30" N	114 05' 50.91" W
Ending	34 28' 22.31" N	114 04' 38.06" W

- **HN 465** is Boulder Gulch, Currently recommended limited to Administrative uses on Map C and Open on Map D. This route should be open and designated a technical area.
- Boulder Gulch (HN465) consists of very large boulders and requires lifted & locked jeeps with 35+ inch wheels.
- This Trail/Route HN465 is a rocky type of terrain that forces motorized vehicles to slow down so they do not break their equipment. The slowness of the vehicle travel and the rocky terrain reduces evidence of over use, or evidence of erosion due to wheel spinning.
- Because this Route HN 465 has parts that are very rocky it is necessary for most vehicles to air down their tires which not only gives them better traction, reduces the possibility of puncture but also lightens the impact on the soil and does not injure the visual character of the landscape.
- BLM does not have a vehicle that could drive Boulder Gulch (HN 465) in order to meet Administrative duties.
- HN465 provides an opportunity to enjoy a type of solitude—meeting no other people except in your group because of the difficulty of the trail
- We wondered why Boulder Gulch (HN 465) was designated limited until we accidently found Map 36 Record of Decision, which suggests it be handled as part of a “managed in a Wilderness Way” a rather vague catch all to close more land as Wilderness even though it is not so designated. It does not show as such on Maps C or Map D making us wonder why? Please respond with clarification.

O We hereby request Boulder Gulch, HN 465, and its connector routes HN478, HN479 and HN 466 as well as the unnumbered route between be left open & called a technical area.

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