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

From: <NAME>

RE: Castaneda/Sharks tooth Loop & McCracken Mine B
HN493

We are opposed to closing HN493

- This route is presented as closed on Map C the proposed alternative, but is open on the Map D access alternative Trails
- This route is a short cut to Castaneda/Sharks tooth, Signal and McCracken Mine off which are off shoot trails in the Poachies, which lie in the Kingman BLM Filed Office. Cutting off this Route would affect access to their management area.
- Our club has used this trail entrance to many of the above trails
- Losing this route would create longer travel over other routes to access any of these adjacent trails
- The proposed closed route is in wash, which has a self healing effect on vehicle footprints
- The route/trail is a navigable wash connecting to another trail
- We keep this route maintained, refilling washouts a number of times.
- The trail does an excellent job of navigating the topography in a manner to retain the existing character of the landscape. Because the off highway vehicles are running on very soft tires that are "aired down" there is very little trace of a trail in many places.

O This trail provides opportunities for isolation from evidence of humans, a vastness of scale and feeling part of the natural environment

O BLM has not shown that the continued use of this route will impact State or Federal special status species, or their habitat or cultural, or any other specially-protected resources or objects identified by Agency planning documents, plan amendments or any other special area designations any more then would any other route, or acreage within the Havasu BLM Unit

In closing, We support Map D, leaving HN493

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