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To: BLM Lake Havasu Field Office TMP
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Re: Public Comment Form

Comments relating to: **Critical CONNECTORS**
The Maze--- HN 258—HN 651—HN 632—HN 614—HN 258—HN 154
Maze C --- HN 258—HN 651—HN 632—HN 624—HN 154—HN 475
The Lost Trail—HN 258, HN 624, HN 676

LOST TRAIL and THE MAZE are main connectors (**2 variations**) used by several different club runs.

** They are a **very popular** way of **connecting and adding variation to several trails**—for example from the scenic turnout on highway # 95 to the Dutch Flat road that goes up to Jupiter Mine.

In **Standard Wash most of the washes run NE to SW. To traverse these washes in a NW direction is only possible on a few trails.

Two very popular choices are the **LOST TRAIL, and THE MAZE. They **connect** the area NE of the open OHV area from a SE corner to a NW corner.

****Once out of the PROPOSED REDUCTION OF the OHV AREA** the only way to connect is to **go all the way NE to West Mohave Wash**.

****West Mohave Wash is like a highway** while **LOST TRAIL and THE MAZE** are **both scenic by-ways**. Both trails follow a well established trail (used by Jeeps, ATV's and motorcycles) that weaves thru the bottom of washes and up over connecting segments that help negotiate a track that moves from the SE corner of the area NE of the OHV area up to an area NW of the OHV area.

** Both trails **can be done in a stock Jeep**. LOST TRAIL is the easier of the two.

THE MAZE is best done with a **slightly modified** Jeep.

The “critical connectors” were chosen because they offer:

1. A shorter, more challenging, fun way to connect SE corner of Standard Wash area with the NW corner.
2. The type of terrain challenge forces vehicles to go slowly thus reducing any dust and impact on the character of the land. The varied and challenging character of the land is “why these routes are popular connector routes”.
3. The challenging terrain and scenic variety offers the motorist an opportunity to develop skills and enjoy access to outdoor amenities close to home.
4. The “Maze” and “Lost Trails” are far enough from the highway they offer a sense of solitude and adventure while encouraging motorists to stay on the trail if they do not want to get lost.
5. Both of these “connectors” are in the current “Open Area” as mapped out on the kiosk in Standard Wash. They have been in use for the last 10 to 20 years by, and enjoyed by, many people.

Keeping these critical and popular “connector trails” open will allow users the opportunity to use some of the most popular trails in the area.

Thank you,