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From: Havasu 4 Wheeler Public Lands Committee
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Re: Public Comment Form
Comments relating to: DIAMONDBACK/SIDEWINDER TRAIL - **HN664, HN710**

Dear Sirs,

I am opposed to Route Alternative Map C in regards to this trail. I support Route Alternative Map A & D as HN664 and HN710 are open or open mitigate for the track we call Diamondback/Sidewinder.

Your evaluation of HN664 and HN710 indicates this trail is accessible by a stock jeep which is not the case. Our club rates this as a level 4 run on a scale of 1-5 which means the vehicle must be lifted, locked differentials and only experienced drivers may attempt this run. We always lower the air pressure in the vehicle tires thus creating less impact on the area. With the locked differentials there is no tire spin once again reducing the impact on the area. Due to the nature of the terrain we are forced to go very slowly thus raising hardly any dust and maintaining the quite of the surroundings. These routes run through a rocky wash and following a rain storm there is no evidence that anyone was ever through the area as mother nature has washed away all tire tracks.

These routes are too far from the highway to walk to, and this allows an older person the freedom to take a more challenging route to enjoy the beauty of the area.

In your evaluation it is stated that the trail is not redundant. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) firmly established the concept of multiple use and sustained yield, with recreation as one of the principle uses. The evaluation also states this is a primary access to private property. By closing this route you are denying the owners access to their property.

In your evaluation of HN664 it states, "provides general access for a variety of users with minimal effect to the documented resources". Since the evaluation for Map D states there is minimal impact how can it be justified to close this route on Map C?

A variety of wildlife is included in the reasoning for closing of these routes. In regards to the burros that are not indigenous to this area but are an introduced species so what justifies an in herd management area as listed on the evaluation for HN710? The mule deer, desert sheep and goats primarily graze at night or early dawn or late dusk. There has not been any documentation to show how closing these routes would positively impact their feeding habits. The bats are nocturnal, feeding only at night. Since OHV use is a daytime activity we do not disturb them or have an impact on their feeding habits.

In conclusion I support Map A and D which keeps HN664 and HN710 open or open mitigate.

