

24 January 2011

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

From: Name

Re: Public Comments relating to: **“Gold Springs Trail”**
HN 710 (starting at OHV open proposed boundary)
HN 696 (as it winds to Hawk’s Net Trail)
HN 692 (Hawk’s Nest Trail)
HN 982, 684, 621, 606, 443 (as they travel east to HN 591)
HN 591 until it reaches HN 608 (608 goes back to highway #95)

I request you keep “Gold Springs Trail” open in its totality. This trail has been submitted to the BLM several times in map form. Trail map is on record with Cindy at local BLM.

Gold Springs Trail is a popular trail that makes a large loop from highway # 95 back to highway # 95 around the outer parts of Standard Wash. It is a harder moderate trail that does not quite meet the requirements of a technical trail.

The trail does the following:

1. Allows the driver the chance to develop skills and abilities while enjoying a bit of a risk taking adventure.
2. Allows the driver the opportunity to savor the total sensory experience of a natural landscape just far enough from the highway and town to get a feeling of remoteness, yet not have to go far from home.
3. The trail is just difficult enough to cause the driver to go slowly thus reducing the possibly of dust and noise to alleviate the possibility of infringing on the “outback off highway” experience of others.
4. The difficulty of the trail forces drivers to air down their tires for traction and thus almost eliminates tire spinning that can lead to erosion.
5. The existing character of the landscape (steep hills and rocky washes) is retained very nicely along the trail because the joy of using this trail is to conquer the landscape as it is—not to try and change it to make it easier.

6. The trail allows the driver to use and enjoy various modifications they have done to their vehicle. In doing this they can negotiate the terrain instead of trying to change the terrain so they can conquer a certain obstacle.
7. While there many trails to choose from—this trail has carefully chosen a route that is both challenging and scenic. In making the large loop there is also an amazing variety of geological beauty for the travelers to enjoy. Much of the trail is on a very hard soil almost making it difficult to see evidence of all of the very responsible traffic that uses this ever popular trail.

By leaving this trail open, the BLM will be affording an excellent trail close to town, yet far enough away to allow for a rewarding and fun day in our beautiful dessert that is an excellent example of a “challenging moderate trail”.

Thank you,