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

From: Havasu 4 Wheeler Public Lands Committee
P.O. Box 1486
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Re: Public Comment Form
Comments relating to **Jupiter Mines: HN676, HN624 & HN258**

Dear Sirs,

I am opposed to the closing of HN676, 624, and 258 all of which are critical components to our Jupiter Mine Trails, Jupiter A and B as well as Lower Jupiter. Specifically, HN676 is a part of Jupiter A and B as well as Lower Jupiter, HN624 is a part of Jupiter A and B, and HN258 is a part of Jupiter A and B. These BLM routes listed above, found on Maps D6 and E6, and within Inset Map 5 of Map C are all established trails and critical components of very popular trails offered by the Havasu 4 Wheelers. Although these routes may appear as separate pieces of desert paths on the BLM's inventory, these were all submitted as specific, integral parts of the popular H4W Jupiter Mines group of runs.

The Jupiter Mine trails provide an intermediate level drive with the opportunity to see and discuss the historical mining significance to this area, not to mention the lovely views, especially from our preferred lunch area at almost 3400 feet. I have personally led this run several times and have enjoyed sharing the land's history as well as interesting facts about the flora as we pass by. Being a 4wheeler gives our members the opportunity to enjoy the public land on a personal level rather than just through text book learning.

It appears as though the senior citizens of this neighborhood are being unreasonably targeted by taking away our right to enjoy our so-called public lands. We could definitely not access the beauty our desert offers if it were not for the motorized access. The social network and camaraderie this provides is priceless and has been proven in many studies to benefit the mental and physical health of retirement aged adults.

Decisions to close motorized recreation on the basis of theoretical or assumed impacts to the natural environment are just wrong. Please do not close these important components to our much loved routes.

Although these route numbers are presented as closed on the Map C proposed alternative, they are shown as open on the Map D access alternative. Therefore I support your Map D options of your Travel Management plan.

