

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

From: Name
Address

Re: Public Comment Form
Comments relating to THE LOST TRAIL
Route BLM ID Numbers
HN 154, HN 258, HN 332, HN 676, HN 980

Dear Sirs,

I am opposed to Alternative C. Alternative C closes one of our clubs favorite trails in the Standard Wash area. Alternative D leaves the trail, THE LOST TRAIL, open. I hope you will reconsider your recommended alternative and recommend alternative D.

Alternative C would close almost all of THE LOST TRAIL . It would close 5 critical sections: HN 154, HN 258, HN 332, HN 676, and HN 980 which would effectively eliminate the trail.

The Lost Trail sections above are all open in alternative D. The 5 above mentioned sections should remain open for the following reasons:

1. This trail allows a person to go from the main Standard Wash road/trail HN 420 into an area of narrow scenic washes, pretty vistas, and moderately challenging hills, to connect with several trails to the South East.
2. Because of the shortage of OHV routes necessary to reasonably meet the needs of the public, every existing motorized route is extremely important. While the LOST TRAIL may not seem like an important trail, it is an important "link" for many trails to use instead of being forced onto a few main washes that are as wide as a highway. It is a critical link from NW to SE that allows many trails to make a loop instead of a dead end.
3. The terrain chosen for the Lost Trail carefully winds in and out of narrow washes and up and down hills to beautiful vistas.
4. The difficulty of the terrain force drivers to air down for traction and drive slowly, which in turn eliminates wheel spin and greatly minimizes and erosion.
5. The visual character of the land is preserved very nicely. The difficulty and challenge of the terrain forces drivers to go slowly as they are developing improved driving skills and enjoying the outdoors.
6. The trail is far enough from highway #95 as to allow a feeling of solitude yet does not compete with the congestion of trails within the first mile from the highway.
7. While the trail follows a well defined route it is like a "scenic by-way" compared to some of the main well traveled washes it occasionally intersects.

Please consider keeping HN 154, HN 258, HN 332, HN 676, and HN 980 open. It is one of the more popular scenic and challenging trails that many trails use to get from one side of the Standard Wash area to the other side.

Thank you,

Name