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In reply refer to:

1610 (AZ-320)

March 14, 2007

Mr. Dave Garrison  
President, Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club  
P.O. Box 6500  
Yuma, AZ 85366

Dear Mr. Garrison:

The Yuma Field Office (YFO) Bureau of Land Management recently gave a presentation to the Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club membership last February 26 regarding our Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We were able to provide information and answer a few questions with the members to help clarify the process and the proposed alternatives.

A follow-up meeting between our Planning and Environmental Coordinator Micki Bailey and Mr. Jim Ammons occurred on March 7. A number of concerns were discussed including: wilderness, wilderness characteristics management, back country byways, motor vehicle pull-off 100 feet from center line of a designated route, and travel management, including the route inventory process and maps.

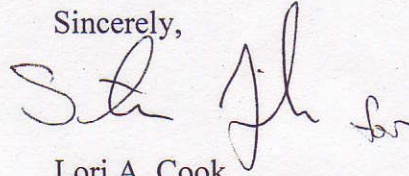
In providing a good faith effort to the general public, including the Yuma Valley Rod and Gun Club, the Yuma Field Office would like to provide assurance and commitment to the following items in preparation of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS:

1. YFO stated a number of previously inventoried routes (including driveable washes) are missing on the proposed route inventory map that should be included from the original language of the existing management plan.
2. YFO stated the current travel maps which can be purchased over the counter at the BLM front desk contain additional existing routes than the proposed route inventory map with the Draft RMP/Draft EIS.
3. YFO stated the use of aerial photography, staff knowledge of the area, additional on the ground inventories, and, most importantly, public comments received would be used to improve the accuracy of the route inventory map within the Proposed RMP/Final EIS.
4. YFO stated we would also ensure any impacts associated with an incomplete route inventory map would be incorporated into Chapter 4 of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. This includes disclosing the potential impacts to travel management, public access, and recreational opportunities from limiting off-highway vehicles to existing inventoried routes.

Again, the Yuma Field Office will make every available effort to improve the Draft RMP/Draft EIS route inventory maps for the Proposed RMP/Final EIS.

For further assistance or additional questions, please contact our Planning and Environmental Coordinator Micki Bailey at 928-317-3215.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori A. Cook', followed by a small 'for' written to the right.

Lori A. Cook  
Acting Field Manager

cc: Jim Ammons  
Nick Heatwole