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15 June 2003

Dear Planning Team,

Thank you for the review copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Statement for the West Mojave Habitat Conservation Plan and California Desert Conservation Area. Please retain my name on the mailing list for this process.

As a California native and avid desert visitor I applaud the team on a set of alternatives, some of which are visionary in their scope. In evaluating the various alternatives, each should be measured against the standard of how fully they meet the stated purpose and need of the project.

Of the seven alternatives, clearly alternatives B, E, F, and G clearly fall short of the stated goals and should be ruled out. Of the remaining alternatives, I believe alternative C, combined with some elements of alternate D, best meets the purpose and need.

I recommend Alternative C with the Desert Tortoise Take-Avoidance Measures of alternative D, particularly because of the intent to return a natural fire regime to the DWMA's.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

Mark L. Belles

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June 19, 2003

Mr. Linn Gum
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RE: Sanford Stone Quarry/West Mojave Plan Dated May, 2003

Dear Mr. Gum:

I received the two volume Draft Environmental Impact Report and Statement for the West Mojave Plan dated May, 2003 during the week of June 9, 2003. I have been able to review pertinent parts of it as they relate to my client, Dave Sanford, the owner of Sanford Stone Company Quarry, which is located on the old Silverton #2 private property just west of Randsburg, California in Kern County.

My attention was particularly drawn to Volume 1, Section 4.2.3.4.2, Regional Mineral Development where, under the heading "Rand Mountains", at Page 4-110, the West Mojave Plan states as follows:

"Neither the Rand ACEC nor the Fremont-Kramer tortoise DWMA includes the Sanford Stone mining operation."

Following my reading of the West Mojave Plan, I called to discuss it with you and you were kind enough to explain and elaborate the issues raised by the continued operation of the Sanford Stone Company Quarry. You confirmed to me that the boundary lines for the Rand area of critical environmental concern (ACEC) excludes the Sanford Stone Company Quarry.

Further, the Fremont-Kramer tortoise Desert Wildlife Management Area (DWMA) excludes the Sanford Stone mining operation, with the exception of some of the southeasterly portions of the area, which is flat land, currently unworked, and not planned to be worked as a quarry. The current and historical quarry area and the 20 acre expansion parcel to the west and south of the Silverton, all located within the boundary lines of the Kern County Conditional Use Permit, are excluded from the Fremont-Kramer tortoise DWMA.

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The Introduction to the West Mojave Plan dated May 30, 2003 and addressed: "Dear Reader:" invites the public to submit comments on the Draft Plan and EIR/S within the next 90 days, stating that comments must be in writing and received by no later than Friday, September 12, 2003.

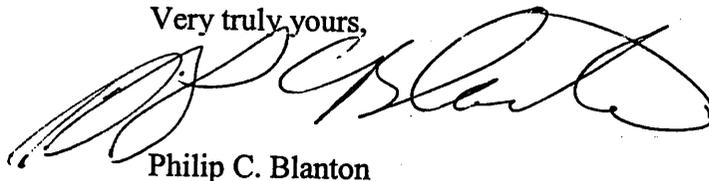
Based upon your statements to me on the late morning of June 12, 2003 as stated above, and following my review of the West Mojave Plan, Sanford Stone Company will conclude that its quarry is excluded from both the Rand ACEC and the Fremont-Kramer tortoise DWMA and that Sanford Stone Company can continue to quarry flagstone at its quarry inside the Conditional Use Permit granted by Kern County as long as it continues to meet its obligations to the BLM, the State of California and Kern County.

Mr. Sanford is relying upon your discussions with me as above stated on June 12, 2003 as well as previous representations made by BLM supervisorial personnel including Mr. Mike Pool, State Director for the California Bureau of Land Management, and Linda Hansen, District Manager for the California Desert District of the Bureau of Land Management.

If anything that I have stated in this letter is not accurate regarding the exclusion of the Sanford Stone Company Quarry operation from the Rand ACEC or the Fremont-Kramer tortoise DWMA, please advise immediately in writing so that we will have an opportunity to comment on the Plan before September 12, 2003.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you, Mike Pool and Linda Hansen for being open, forthright and helpful in dealing with Mr. Sanford's continuing quarry operation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip C. Blanton", written in a cursive style.

Philip C. Blanton

PCB/slc

cc: Dave Sanford
Mike Pool
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After reviewing the findings, opinions, and maps of the Draft EIR, and getting some key questions answered by Mr. Haigh, I believe that Alternatives E & F (respectively) are the only viable alternatives for implementation of the West Mojave Plan. When deciding on what can be done to protect the Desert Tortoise, a prominent decision factor must be the general public's access and availability for maximum use of land for recreational opportunities. As the population continues to grow, the escalation of demand on recreational areas is inevitable. This demand for use of our country's public land should be a right, and as such, providing maximum availability while still protecting endangered species is the only prudent choice; alternatives E & F are the only choices that provide this.

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Alternative F is the other viable alternative. Its focused protection scheme properly underscores the real culprits that threaten the Desert Tortoise, the upper respiratory disease and the ravenous Ravens of our desert. More attention in these two key areas will do more for the tortoises than the human intervention management efforts of the last decade.

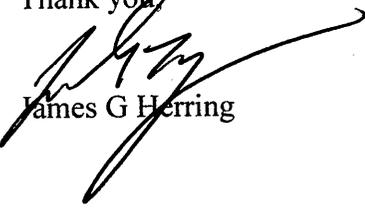
I frequent the Dale Mining District (Pinto Mtn area) for recreation. I use it for casual use mining, camping, and hiking. Alternatives A-D will further restrict my ability to perform these recreational activities. Dropping the Pinto Mtn area from the DWMA designation is my first goal, but I am not unsympathetic to your cause and do support the protection measures of E & F. The BLM's draft WMP EIR provides strong evidence that dropping the Pinto Mtn area from the DWMA designation will not adversely affect your overall plan. The information provided by your own document confirms that this area is already free from disease, has a relatively low tortoise count, few carcasses, and is "an isolated area with no above average human disturbance". It further states that it is "relatively undisturbed and will remain so for the next 30 years". With only 157 SqMi of area in the Pinto Mtn area and over 800SqMi of maximum protected area within the adjacent Joshua Tree National Park I see no reason why the Pinto Mtn Area cannot be removed

from all alternatives for DWMA designation. Even if you select an alternative other than E or F, I strongly recommend that the BLM drop the Pinto Mtn area from DWMA designation. There is no evidence that supports including it. The extra manpower saved by dropping this lower priority area will allow more concentrated efforts in areas of high tortoise density.

Furthermore, the recent GAO report clearly shows that the government has been unable to determine if any of the measures to lessen the impact of human intervention thus far has produced any change in the tortoise population. One could even go as far as saying that the GAO report establishes grounds for questioning the validity of the creation of the protection program for this creature, for no one has been able to accurately count these elusive reptiles.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the BLM to drop the Pinto Mountain area from a DWMA designation, and I support alternatives E or F.

Thank you,



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Dear Gentlemen,

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of the public review period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Statement (DEIR/S) for the West Mojave Plan. The comment period is currently scheduled to close on September 12, 2003.

Due to the large number of species covered by the plan, the large planning area, and especially since the Department will be utilizing the DEIR/S to issue Incidental Take Permits pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act, the Department requests additional time for staff to adequately review the plan. We specifically request that an additional 90 days be added to the public review and comment period.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions please contact me at the letterhead address and telephone number.

Sincerely,

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July 15, 2003

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RE: West Mojave Plan

Gentlemen:

Following are my comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Statement ("EIR/S") for the West Mojave Plan ("WMP").

According to the EIR/S the seven alternatives under consideration are:

- Alternative A – Habitat Conservation Plan
- Alternative B – BLM Only
- Alternative C – Tortoise Recovery Plan
- Alternative D – Enhanced Ecosystem Protection
- Alternative E – Enhanced Recreation Opportunities
- Alternative F – Aggressive Disease and Raven Management
- Alternative G – No Action

Those alternatives are considered within the framework of achieving the objectives of six specific goals.

I will begin by commenting on the goals.

Goal 1 – Protect sufficient habitat to ensure long-term tortoise population viability. This goal provides no real effort to protecting the desert tortoise. Increasing the habitat does not ensure that the desert tortoise population will increase. Currently, there is legitimate debate as to the cause(s) of the decline in desert tortoise population; ravens and disease are equally likely to be the primary cause of the decline in desert tortoise population as human encroachment into desert tortoise habitat. Restricting recreational use of additional acreage will not protect the tortoise from disease and predators. Additionally, this goal lends itself to those alternatives that are most restrictive to recreational opportunities and is therefore self-serving to the efforts of those opposed to recreational use in the desert.

Goal 2 – Establish an upward or stationary trend in the tortoise population of the West Mojave Recovery Unit for at least 25 years. This goal seeks to change the natural evolution of the desert tortoise, calling into question the validity of the goal. The only way to increase population growth rates or achieve a minimum population density of 10 adult female tortoises per square mile within each DWMA is for desert tortoises to increase their breeding rate. Increasing the habitat available to the desert tortoise population merely increases the habitat available to the desert tortoise and may actually contribute to a decrease in the number of adult female tortoises per square mile should the aggregate population not increase at an equal rate as the increase in habitat available.

Goal 3 – Ensure genetic connectivity among desert tortoise populations, both within the West Mojave Recovery Unit, and between this and other recovery units. The EIR/S itself questions the validity of this goal. If none of the alternatives achieves any of the objectives of the goal the goal must be disregarded in the final analysis.

Goal 4 – Reduce tortoise mortality resulting from interspecific (i.e., raven predation) and intraspecific (i.e., disease) conflicts that likely result from human-induced changes in the ecosystem processes. There is no evidence that human-induced changes have resulted in increased raven predation or increased disease mortality (evidenced by the word likely in the goal itself). Disease and predators are a natural occurrence for all species. As with Goal 2, this goal seeks to change the natural evolution of the environment, calling into question the validity of the goal.

Goal 5 – Meet the biological goals established by the West Mojave Plan for the threatened Mohave ground squirrel. The Mohave ground squirrel habitat is consistent with the habitat of the desert tortoise, meaning there is already more than 1.15 million acres of habitat set aside for the MGS. As with Goal 1, Goal 2 and Goal 4 (with respect to the desert tortoise), there is no evidence that increasing the size of the habitat will increase the population of the MGS nor is there evidence that increasing the size of the habitat will decrease the incidence of disease and predator mortality.

Goal 6 – Comparison of acres of habitat conserved. As with Goal 1, Goal 2 and Goal 4 (with respect to the desert tortoise and MGS) and Goal 5 (with respect to the MGS only), there is no evidence that increasing the size of the habitat will increase the population of the species listed.

None of the goals provides no real, measurable impact to the populations of the desert tortoise, Mohave ground squirrel or other threatened species. As such, it must be considered that the true purpose of the goals is to limit the amount of land available for recreational opportunities. In that light, groups opposed to the recreational use of the desert environment proposed the WMP under false circumstances. The most logical alternative to adopt is Alternative E to prevent a "land grab" that further restricts the right of the public to use and enjoy public land.

I urge the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") to approve and adopt Alternative E: – Enhanced Recreational Opportunities.

Sincerely,



Steven Posey

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Comments on the West Mojave Plan EIR/EIS

Dear Sirs

Most of my comments will pertain to the plans impact on recreation and in particular, single track motorcycle trails.

also to lament the fact that the proposed action maps do not show the difference between 2 track and single track trails. With out this knowledge an equally balanced network is hard to establish.

A little background on myself. I have been riding motorcycles in the West Mojave steady for 35 years and worked on the 2001-2002 Wemo survey as a motorcycle route guide.

Rand ACEC.

The Rand Mtns. used to be open for motorcycle competition races. When racing was moved out, a signed trail network was established. Because the terrain of the west Rands is so easy to ride over and not get lost, that a lot of cross-country travel resulted in its closure.

This last memorial day I was in Randsburg and there where over 200 motorcyclists in town. 80% of the riders had come thru the Rands from Cal. City, which is a rider friendly environment. (Trends Pg. 3-238)

What will these people ride over to get to Randsburg, if they can't use the Rands?

My suggestion (see map A) is since the tortoise doesn't appear to be found in terrian over 20%, then leave the east Rands out of the ACEC. By making the boundaries R44 to R46 to R43 and up over the hills south to the boundary. You leave the Fremont valley to the tortoise and the mountains to the recreationists, miners (Pg 4-105 para: 3) and rock hounders.

Failing that idea, than the question remains. Where are all these people going to ride from in order to have a fun destination like Randsburg? The Spangler open area is too long a ride for most young children.

The Golburg triangle RMI Pg 2-189 (AE-4) (map B)

This area was part of the Spangler open area (hence the prolific route network). It was included in the Rand Management plan but was later dropped for lack of tortoise habitat I believe.

This area needs to be returned to the open area or the BLM should allow dist. 37 to lay in C routes connected to the open area. More people will be coming here with the closure of the Rands.

'C' routes (Competition routes)

I was told by Ridgecrest BLM that the existing C routes around the open

area where closed in compliance with the interim closures (something I've not been able to verify.) With the signing of the plan the interim closures will be lifted and I hope you plan on reopening the C routes around the open area and in South Seales. I can't find it stated in the plan, but Ridgecrest R.A. tells me WEMO will take care of it.

Fremont RM3, FR4 and FR3 Pg 2-189 (AE-6)

South of Red Mtn. where the other 20% in Randsburg came from is the heavily used recreation area of Fremont Pk. and the Gravel Hills.

Here again you have a competition area taken away but not forgotten. It's an excellent area for motorcycle touring and many ride from here to Randsburg or Kramer Junction. The area also offers 4 wheel routes and base camps for horse riding in the adjacent wilderness.

Headstart Pg 2-65 Pg 2-163

I have a real problem here with the idea of putting a tortoise headstart in this area. I know it used to be tortoise habitat but not anymore. OHV use is heavy in this area.

I understand the Tortoise Preserve Committee has acquired Blackwater Well and surrounding land. During our survey

we found no motorcycle trails east of Cuddleback dry lake, except near the lakebed.

I suggest the headstart in this area be located east or northeast of the lakebed.

The 01-02 survey in Fremont really showed this area for what it is, the last large recreation area in the western Mojave.

This whole area from Red Mtn. to Kramer Junction and beyond to El Mirage along 395 to the east is made up of long distance trails running parallel to the highway (map C)

These routes are an integral part of the intra-regional connector system (IRC) and should not be blocked west of Cuddleback because tortoises were once abundant there. This is now and has been a recreation area for 35 years.

Signing Pg 2-145

IRC routes should say more than just open. They should have destinations on them. People will tend to stay on the route if they know where their going. Lateral trails can have open or route numbers on them.

Other routes should be left to grow over and only routes going to springs or critical habitat should be signed closed.

The following are questions I couldn't find answers for in the plan.

1. Will single track trails not shown on 85-87 survey maps be open as they are now? Pg. 4-277 Recreation

BLM should continue and finish the 01-02 survey. Its the only way to have an accurate inventory.

2. Will routes thru BTA's, SRA's, Ecological preserves, SEA's, RNA's, and ERA's be open like ACEC's?

3. On your table 3-55 Pg. 3-244 "Recreation Economic Contributions". Why no mention of Randsburg?

4. Whats the intensive use area in Seales Valley shown on map ALTA MAP 2-2 Mining?

Short Comments

Pg 3-245 OHV use near Lucrene Valley is high not low

Pg 4-40 table 4-30 Competitive event corridors I disagree, if the event is held between Nov. and Mar. only once a year, and a loop in the open area has spread them out, there is no need for a yellow flag.

Pg 2-53 Enduros should fall under the same criteria as dual sport

El Paso CAPA Things would get done more thoroughly if the 01-02 survey maps were used. Only a few days of single track surveying would finish El Paso. Ridgecrest is all done.

Pg 2-71 Kern Co. This study plot is in a active OHV play area.

Pg 2-94 a major IRC trail runs thru this area (Objective 1)

ALT. E Pg 2-189 AE-4, AE-5, AE-7, an AE-8 should be adopted. AE-12 should be dropped.

Pg 3-128 table 3-26 Does not list Fremont under heavy OHV use areas.

The maps of Middle Knob completely miss the Antimony flat area.

Pg 2-65 para 2 "No other prevalent human impacts are known at this time". This is a false statement pertaining to headstart in the Fremont Pk. area.

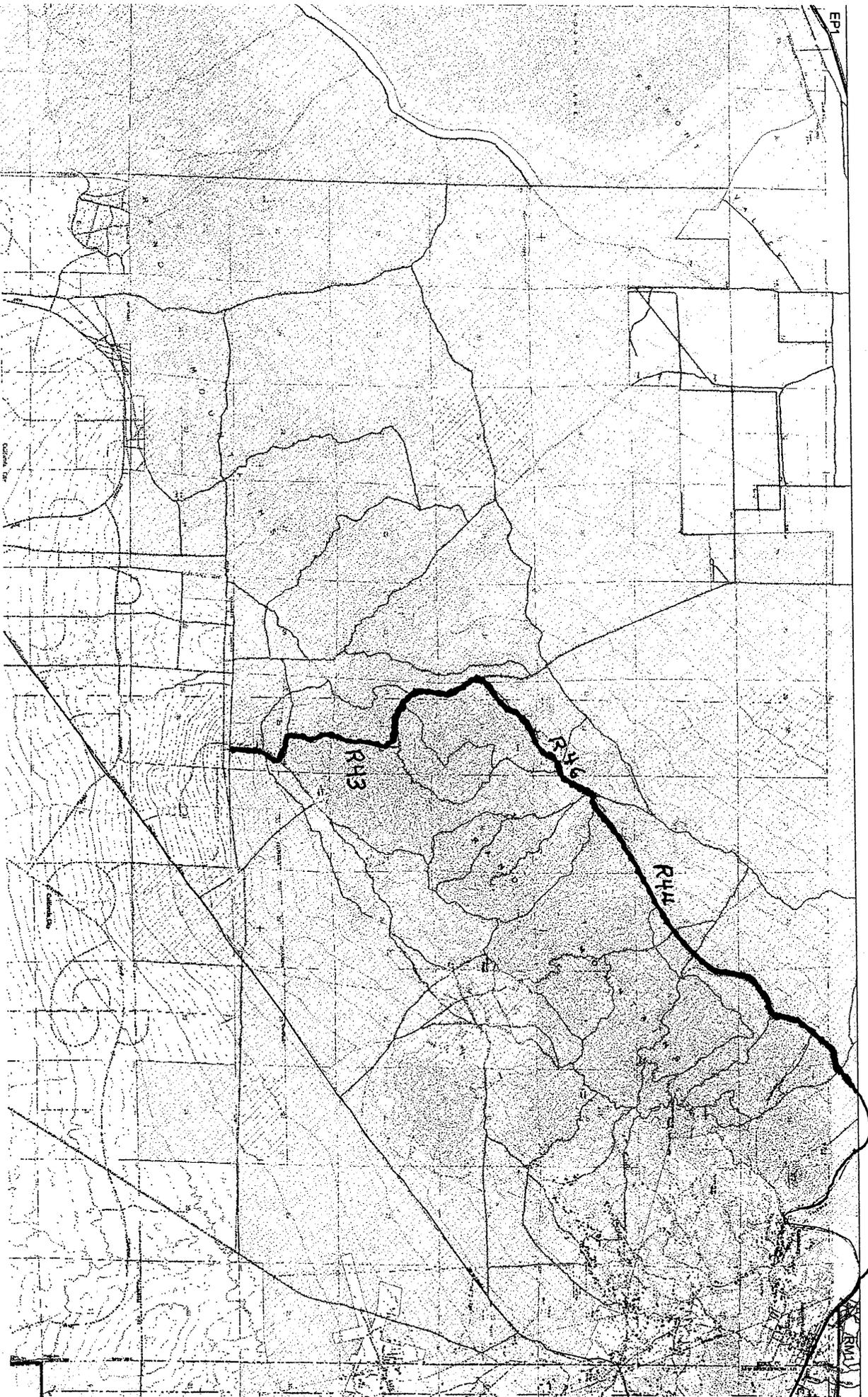
Thank you
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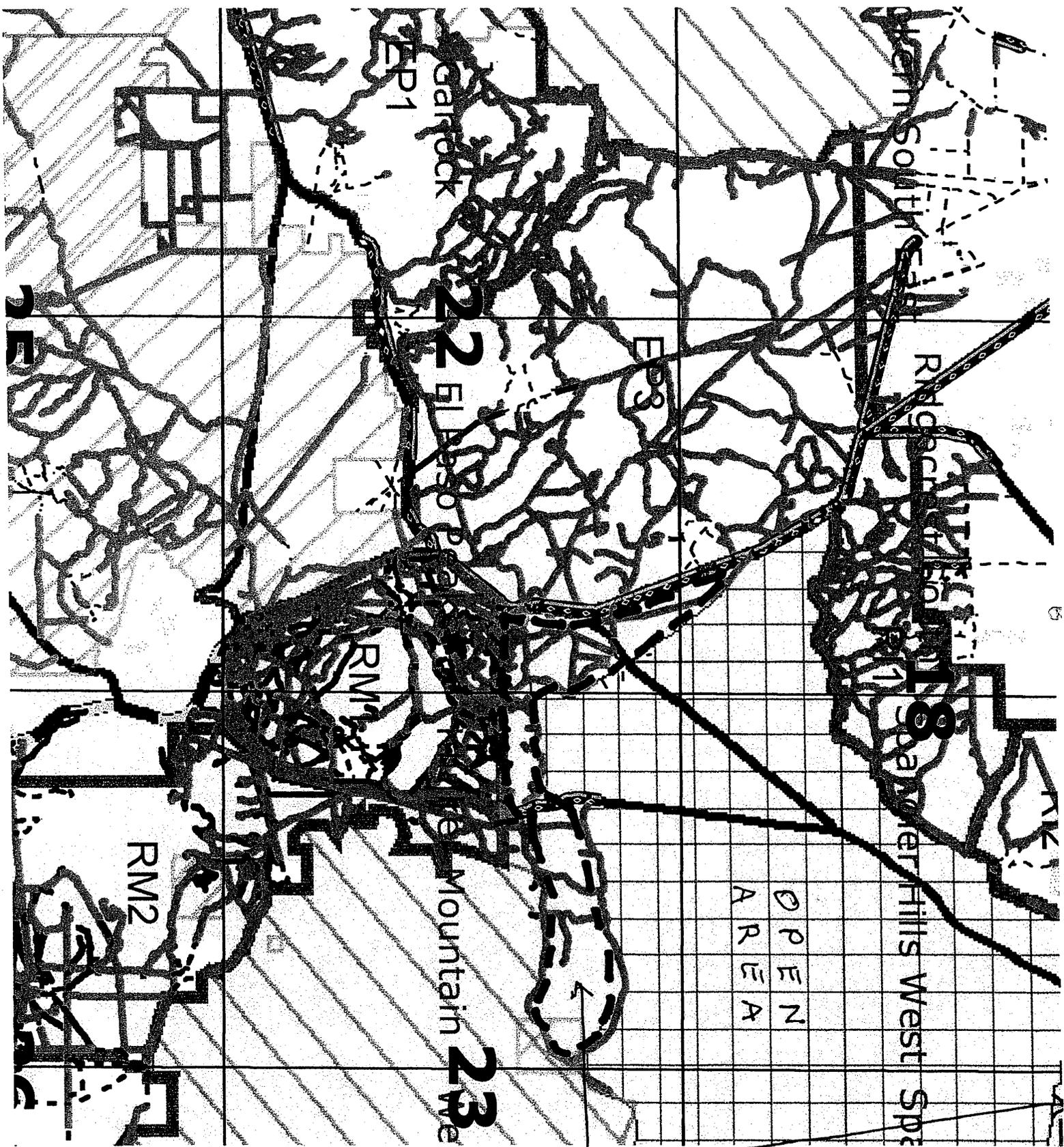
MAP A

RANDBERG ROAD

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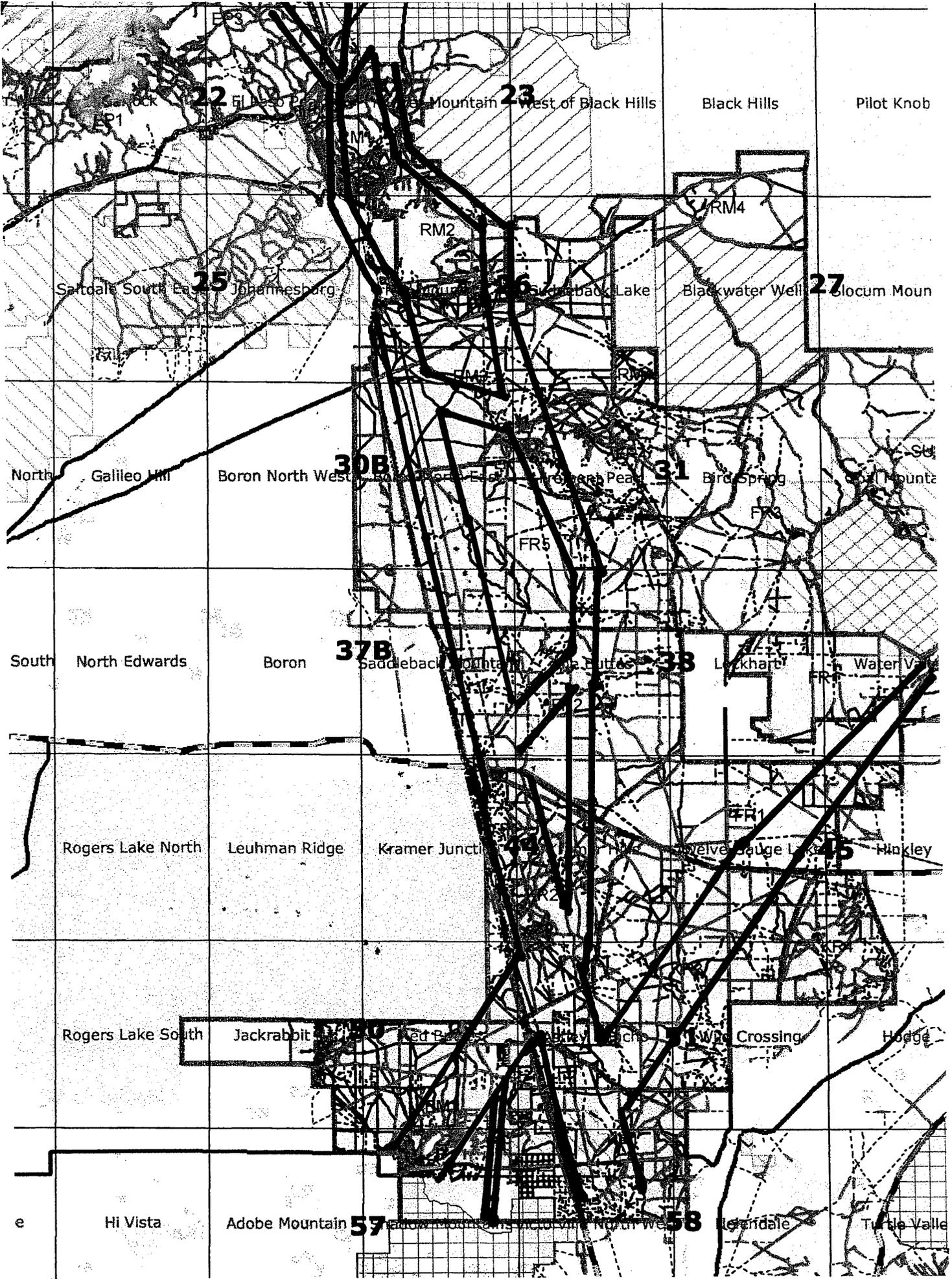


MAP B



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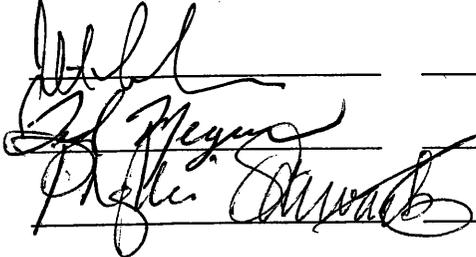
After careful analysis of the draft Environmental Impact Report, we the undersigned believe that Alternatives E (preferred) & F (2nd Choice) are the only promising alternatives for implementation of the West Mojave Plan. We believe that these alternatives will provide sufficient measures of protection for the desert tortoise, and other designated endangered species of animal and plant life, while affording those who enjoy outdoor recreational activities the opportunities to use our public lands to the maximum extent practical.

We believe that alternative E maximizes the publics' right to use land for adventure and recreation, yet it still emphasizes the need to protect the Desert Tortoise in a single managed environment. Alternative E can provide the best compromise on protection for the designated endangered species while still allowing the public of today to enjoy the use of the land to a greater extent than the proposed alternative A.

Alternative F is the only other viable alternative. Its focused protection scheme underscores what we believe to be the major culprits that threaten the Desert Tortoise, the upper respiratory disease and the predatory Ravens of our desert. This alternative further provides recreational assess to more areas than does your proposed alternative A.

We strongly urge the BLM to adopt either alternative E or F.

Thank you,
First Class Miners



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Thank you,

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Dear Sirs

7-29-03

I would like to add a few more comments.
1. Looking further into whether we would have motorized access across Calif. Fish and Game Ecological Preserves the same as A.C.E.C.'s, I found that F&G. have their own criteria for access.

In order for the intra-regional connector network to work, it needs 4 routes across the Kramer Barstow-Wolly Sunflower conservation area.

I would like the plan to cheerystem these routes at this time. 2 routes are single track and 2 are 2 track. (see maps).

F2004 This trail is the main access for motorcycles from the Fremont OHV area to Kramer Junction and vis/versa.

F2005 This trail south from Harper Pk. allows motorcycles to travel by single track trail across hwy. 58 and on to Silver Lk. or El Mirage.

F2002 This is the old telephone (stump) road that parallels 395 from Adelanto to Atolia and is a connector between the 2.

F5002 This old 2 track runs from the old Fremont site on EF411 to Harper Pk.

Remember, off road motorcycles can not travel from Red 9Ntn. to El Mirage without a gas stop. Kramer Junction is needed and also for the Calif. backcountry Discovery trail.

2. I believe dist 37 gets more permits for events and has more entries per event than any other organization using the West Mojave.

I therefore feel that any decisions made on the motorized trail network by the plans implementation team should have in attendance a representative of Dist. 37. Or representatives of the dist could be part of a working group on cost recovery and monitoring of dual sport events plus class L lands management.

3. Short Comments

Pg 3-24 Table 3-54

You should also add "Enduro riders are spread out to such an extent that the last loop can be in a DWMA. Speeds are also controlled in these events."

Pg 4-19 dual sport and enduro

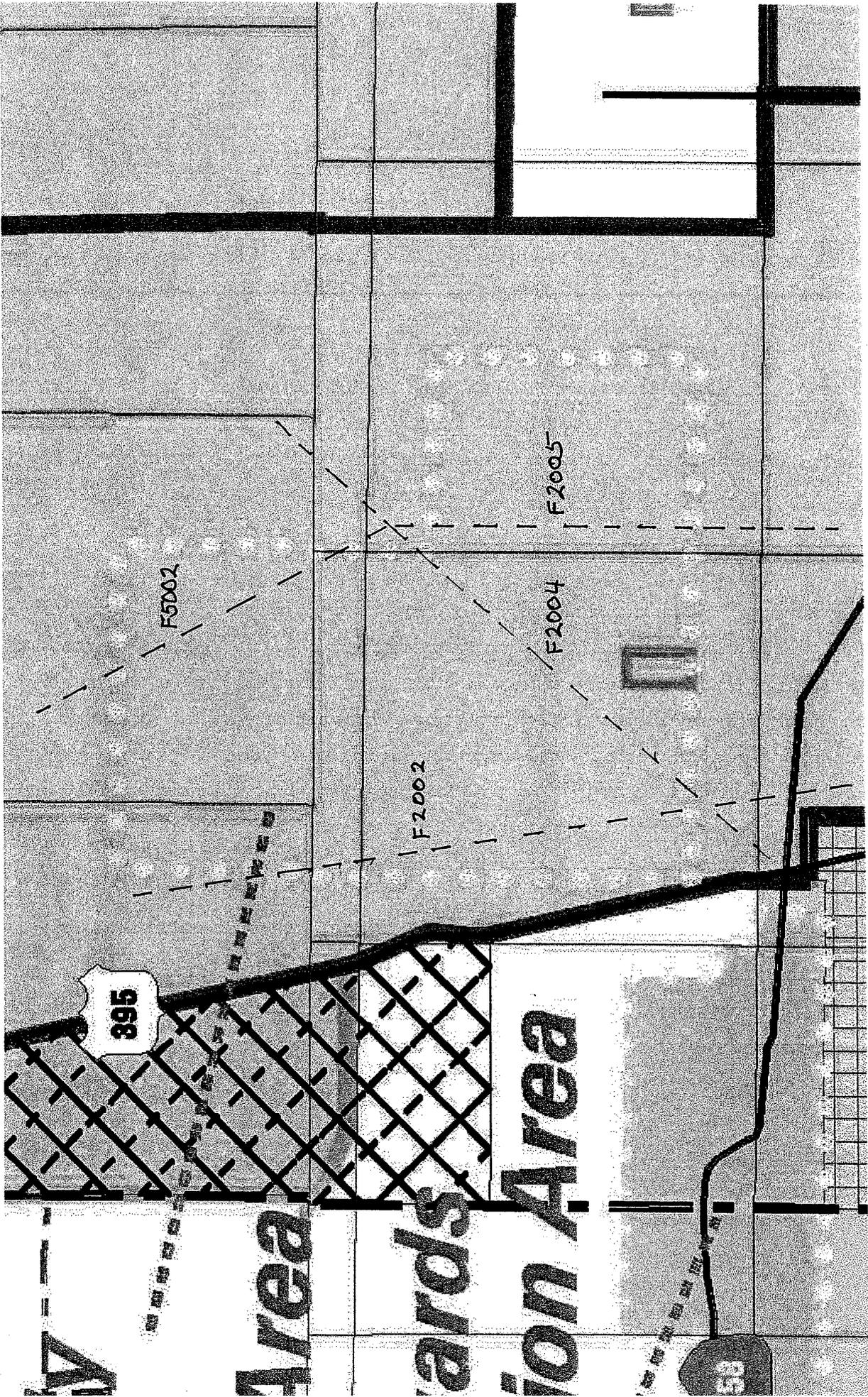
The sentence should read "Permitted recreational events should be on existing routes of travel", not approved.

Pg. 2-53 HCA-41 para: 2

Dual sport events in MGS conservation areas outside tortoise DWMA's should be allowed year round. Mainly due to the fine record dual sport has had in no damage to habitat or tortoises.

Thank You

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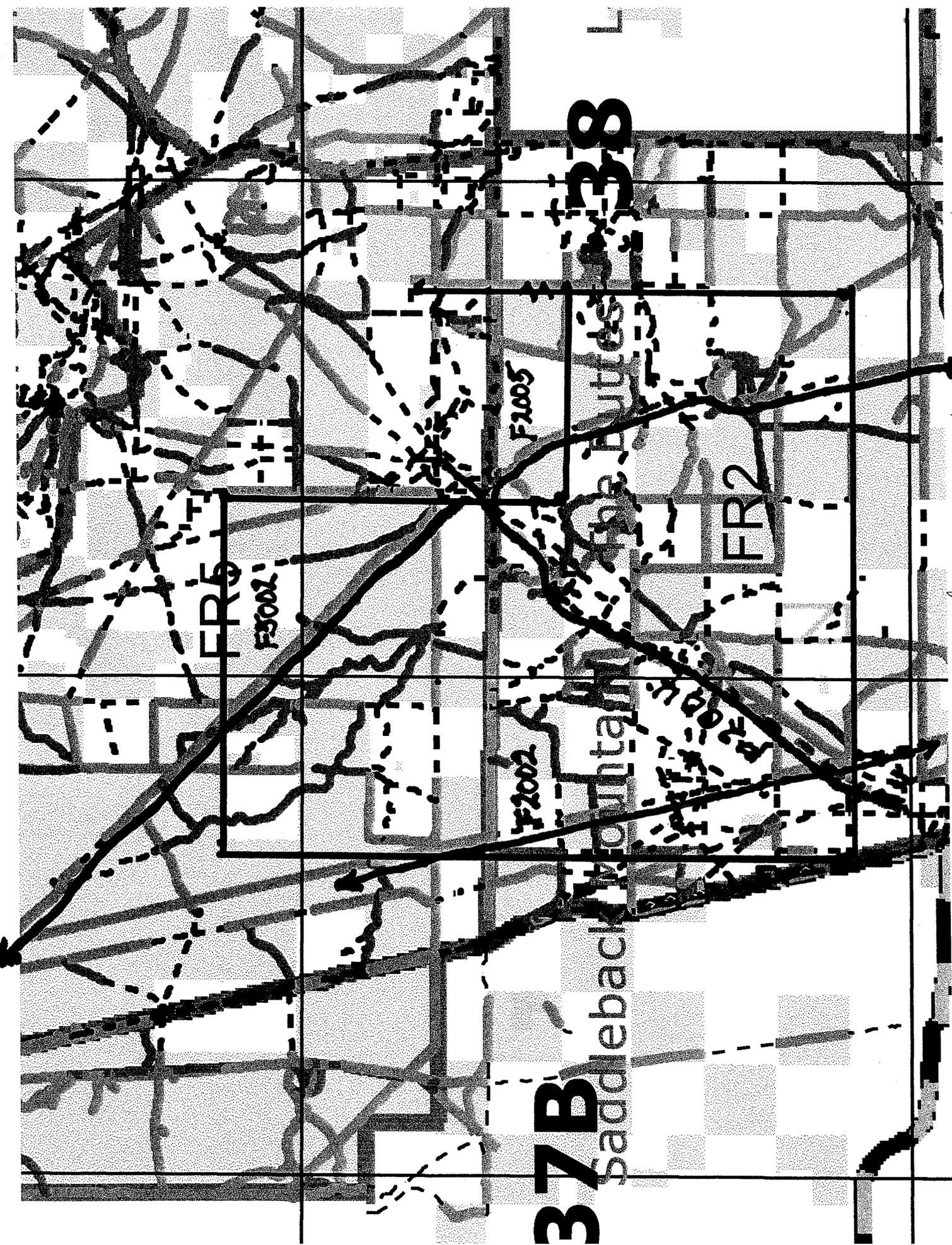
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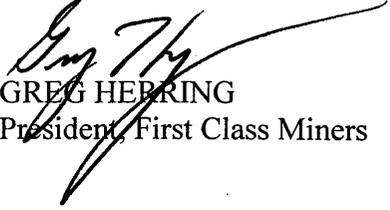
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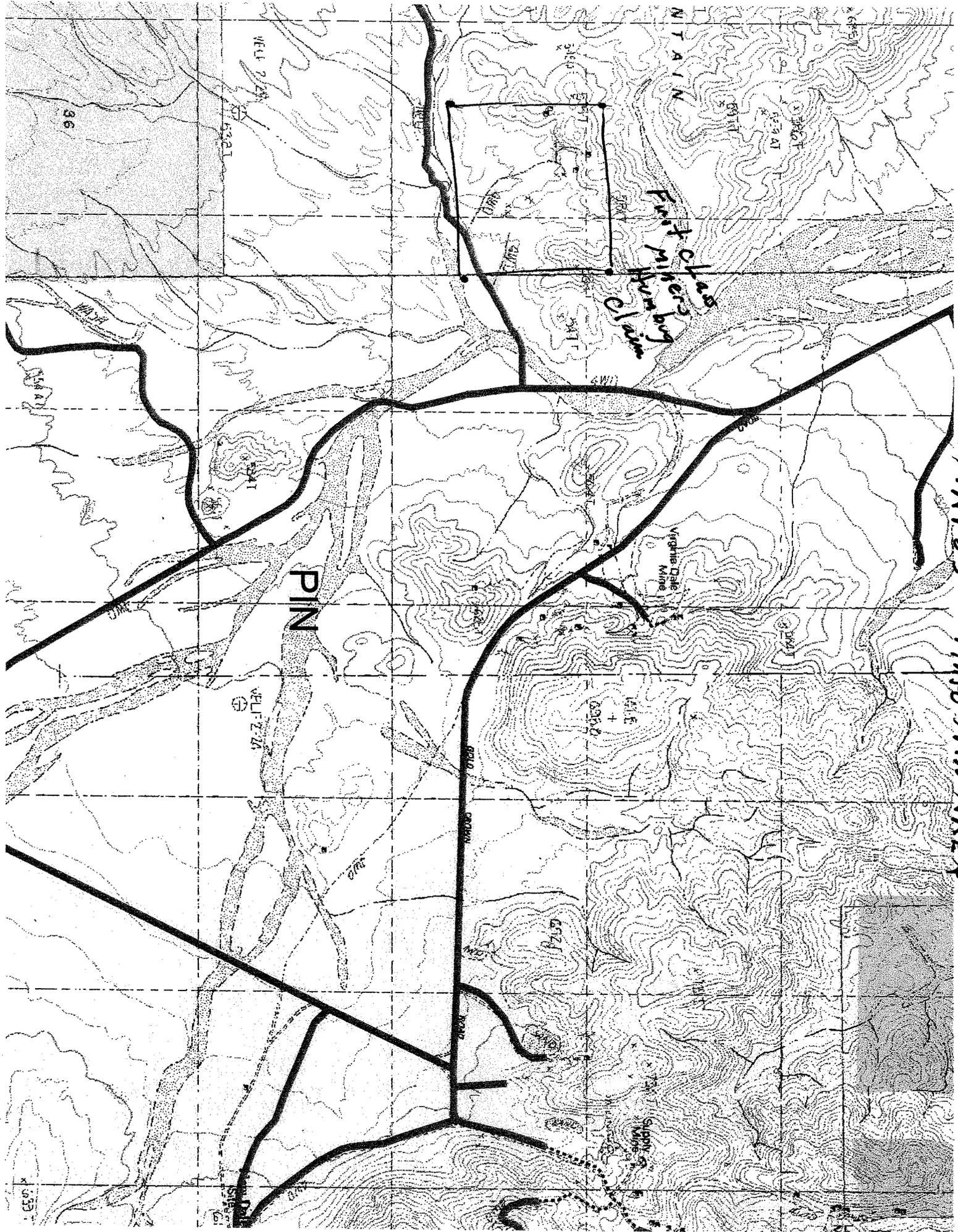
Greg Herring
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Dear Mr. Haigh,

Several of my organization's members noted at the Yucca Valley meeting of 23 July 2003, that your route maps did not list the roads on our Humbug Mtn 160 acre gold placer claim as open. We request that the highlighted roads on the enclosed maps be designated as open so that we may traverse our claim legally. Our Humbug Mtn claim is found on Map 85 and lies within the Pinto Mtn (Dale Mining District) area at:
SE1/4, Section 24, Township 1S, Range 11E, SBBM
NE1/4, Section 25, Township 1S, Range 11E, SBBM

Thank you.


GREG HERRING
President, First Class Miners



MOUNTAIN

First Class
Humbug
Claim

PIN

Virginia Dale
Mine

Supply
Mine

MOUNTAINS
11,970 FT. AREA

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Dear BLM representative,

This letter is in regards to a specific amendment that was added to the WEMO plan after the public comment period closed. My wife and I are private property owners on the eastern side of the Juniper Flats ACEC. We are writing this letter to voice opposition to the creation of a new designated open route titled J 1299. This route is described in Table 1, "Proposed Specific Modifications of Designation Project Route Network" under the heading DR.2 Decision, PPA.2.2.2 Designation Project EA and Amendment Errata which states: " P_map_69- J 1299 - Open undesignated route originating from the intersection of J 1085/ J1029 south via sections 26/35, T 4N,R3W and west via section 1, T 3N,R3W and ending at J1003 - route provides important connectivity through BLM lands to USFS lands by bypassing private property where trespass use has been an issue."

This route goes through the heart of the Juniper Flats ACEC and is the result of post Willow Fire illegal OHV use. This illegal trail goes right through an ancient cultural area with impressive natural rock shelters used by Native Americans. The trail actually transects one such cave and was pointed out to Tim Read and Roxie Trost, BLM resource managers on a recent field trip. It also transects one of the only riparian areas in Juniper Flats. The Juniper Flats ACEC and Cottonwood Spring is home to many species of wildlife as well. This population of wildlife is slowly recovering from the Willow Fire which greatly reduced the natural cover in the area. OHV use disturbs the nesting and birth cycle of these resident and transient animals which include mountain lion, bobcat, deer, coyotes and an occasional bear in the winter. Over the years I have also observed a resident population of tortoise as well. Post Willow Fire sightings of tortoise have been reported by local residents indicating there are still a few roaming around the area.

This route does not provide "important connectivity" to USFS lands and is in fact redundant to the existing routes opened after the Willow Fire closure. The proposed J 1299 route ends at J1003 which is in close proximity to our private property located at 23999 Cascade trail. On the recent field trip in the area with the BLM, we observed a hillside rutted with motorcycle tracks from illegal OHV abuse between J1003 and my property. We discussed with Mike Ahrens, BLM OHV Program Coordinator, possible solutions to this ongoing problem. We are aware of the budget limitations facing the BLM in regards to enforcement of existing laws restricting OHV to existing routes. Opening this route, J 1299 would encourage more motorcycles to use an area that has a major problem with noncompliance of the laws restricting off route riding. Enforcement resources are limited due to budget restraints leaving non compliant OHV riders free to further degrade the natural resources of the area. Also, opening this trail would negate the post Willow Fire restoration efforts within the Juniper ACEC. The money spent on fences and erosion control are working and giving sanction to an illegally created OHV trail J1299 goes against common reason.

This area clearly needs further review. We would like to urge the BLM to create a separate management planning area for the Juniper sub region much like the El Paso Planning Area that is independent of WEMO due to the close proximity of a large urban population in the Victor Valley and increased fire danger from invasive non native

grasses. The WEMO plan provides for little if any refuge from OHV traffic for activities such as hiking, equestrian use, or wildlife observation. The Juniper Flats ACEC plan needs to be enforced and all riparian areas need special protection. It is clear that further review and planning is essential and all illegal OHV routes in the Juniper Flats ACEC need immediate closure, especially the one designated as P 69 – J1299.

Sincerely,
David and Linda Van Voorhis
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Riverside, Ca
92504

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to west mo JAW PLAN

Hollo Frances

AFTER CAREFULLY LOOKING OVER YOUR WEST MOJAVE PLAN I FOUND NO MENTION OF TARGET SHOOTING, WITH RIM FIRE, CENTER FIRE, AND BLACK POWDER MUZZLE LOADING FIREARMS

I WOULD LIKE THIS ACTIVITY TO REMAIN LEGAL. I FEEL PEOPLE WHO FOLLOW

THE BLM SHOOTING RULES DO NO HARM TO THE DESERT. THIS LETTER IS

ALSO TO LET YOU KNOW THIS SUBJECT IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE WEST MOJAVE PLAN MAY 2003. WHY WASNT IT MENTIONED?

THANK YOU

Sincerely

William L. Tuck, Jr.



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Hi west mojavie plan

You have not said anything in the plan about water wild life GOZZLETS.

I have helped work on projects with the BLM, D.F.G. U.S. wild life service to install and re build wild life GOZZLETS within the west mojavie plan area.

We need a study done to increase their use over all over again I read in the plan about low numbers of big horn sheep. This is caused by taking the desert by man we need to enhance and im prove the water supply by installing as many GOZZLETS AS NECESSARY to bring big horn sheep herds back to healthy large original numbers.

THANKS AN YEAR AHEAD

Sincerely

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AUG 3 2003 14

Dear West Mojave PDM

I would like to make 2 points about the PDM.

No 1 I AM 58 years old, A Birder, Hiker, Off Road Vehicle user 4 wheel track, Rock hound, target shooter, Wildlife Observer, small time farmer, owner of legally registered MOJAVE turtles, (CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME) which produce BABY turtles, Hunter in my area for my Hobbies are the SANGABRIEL MOUNTAINS, SAN GABRIEL and MAMMOTH the WEST MOJAVE. I live on 2 1/2 acres (2 acres have been theft natural) 20 years in the CALIFORNIA DESERT (OR SURVIVAL AREA) PHOENIX CALIFORNIA.

I watched the Herds (over 800 sheep) of Nohsa Big Horn Sheep Vanish from the SANGABRIEL MOUNTAINS. I BLAME the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Game, CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME.

For this Great loss. Most of the sheep died from disease caused by people who carried these diseases into the sheep areas on their shoes and clothing. While hiking in the SANGABRIEL MOUNTAINS I have met people from all over America and the world. No signs are present to warn people to clean and disinfect their shoes and clothing before entering wilderness areas. In 1967 my brother and I saw 3 CALIFORNIA CONDORS still wild and free around Mt BALDY. One of the reasons for their decline was small pieces of lead left in gut piles from legally hunted deer and other animals. I get a

From William Tuck

To West Mojave Plan

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AUG 3 2003

Hunting disease every year. No warning is put on California deer's saying lead in gut pills could kill raptors

The west Mojave is rapidly becoming a large tourist attraction because of the National Park. It is known world wide, the plan needs to address this critical problem.

Right at this moment I realized all our turtles have had the respiratory disease and we had them treated and cured. Yet the disease may still be present around our home from know on our family will disrespect our shoes and wear clean clothing when entering the G.O.P.A. signs should be posted warning hikers and hunters to clean their shoes and clothing. Also warning hunters to Barry Gut Pills so raptors won't be killed from lead poisoning.

Point 2.

I like the west Mojave Plan. It's a good idea and is coming along nicely, thank's for your hard work. Job well done.

Phono
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Sir
William Tuck, Jr.



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BY SEPTEMBER 12

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August 7, 2003

West Mojave Plan
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We are in favor of Alternative G - to take no action until there has been a thorough review of desert tortoise findings. Since the stated purpose of the West Mojave Plan is to satisfy the goal of creating a strategy to conserve animal species and their habitats, it is important to look at the history of the Desert Tortoise Natural Area (DTNA) near California City in the Freemont Valley Area of Kern County which has failed horribly, beyond comprehension, in its effort at desert tortoise conservation. We don't believe expanding or creating new conservation areas will help the desert tortoise without first solving the problems which virtually caused their demise in the DTNA. To set policy without proven success is to set a no use policy as a punishment, without due reality of the situation.

It is our finding, as neutral reporters, that the environmentalists, with the blessings of the federal government, have injured this species almost beyond repair in the DTNA. The Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee website included a report which indicates that between 1972 and 1992 there was a 90% decline in the adult desert tortoise population, primarily caused by upper respiratory tract disease (URTD) and raven predation in the DTNA, a desert tortoise holocaust. It appears to us that after these dismal statistics they discontinued tracking studies which we believe, if they had been done, would have shown that the death rate had continued as bad or worse due to the same unmitigated causes. The reason URTD kills desert tortoises is because of the stress and lack of nutrition which has been exacerbated in the last 50 years by the dramatic decline in natural artesian springs. Everything that we have investigated points to URTD and predation by the dramatic increase in the raven population (which the BLM has been reluctant to address.) as causing the primary reason for the decline of the desert tortoise species. Restrictions on building, the use of motorized vehicles and grazing have been in effect since the DTNA has been in existence, but still the vast majority of the tortoises have died.

There must be more help made available to the species before more land is set aside for no use areas which contribute minimally, if at all, to their survival. It has been our contention that the 90% death rate of the adult desert tortoise should have been mitigated by proper species-friendly management of the DTNA.. We contend that denying moisture and sustenance to those sick and dying animals was and still is unacceptably inhumane and caused the area's desert tortoise holocaust. We

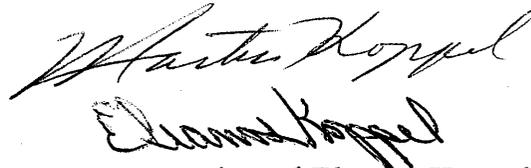
actually believe that grazing helps the species because the water provided the grazing animals can also be used by, and is needed for, the tortoises.

It is and has been our contention that the survival of this species will demand smaller manageable species-friendly preserves, offering moisture and nutrition. The thinking that these animals need thousands of square miles in order to survive is belied by the number of animals that are beneficially sustainable, whether they have URTD or not, in the back yards of legal owners. Many species have been helped in Africa in special preserves. In the United States the bald eagle has survived with hands-on handling. The methodology is already proven. There is already available more than sufficient public land to create these preserves.

Until you have tried the species-friendly preserves, please quit wasting taxpayer money doing endless studies and plans. After a ten year span, in which it can be proven that the tortoises can recover, then would be the proper time to set public policy.

The shame of the matter is that for the amount of money this study cost, the government could have already started the species-friendly preserves and the species could have gotten some good out of it. We believe you have probably spent much more money contemplating the problem than actually doing anything about it. Instead all the species got was a bunch of paper shuffling from very well paid bureaucrats who really haven't done anyone any good. Meanwhile, the species' survivors at the DTNA continue to suffer without needed nutrition or moisture.

We are frustrated that there still does not appear to be serious determination by the BLM and especially the DTNA committee, in promoting species-friendly preserves and pro-active programs, such as head-start, to bring help to the inhumanely treated and severely decimated few survivors of this species in the DTNA area, which was suppose to help save them, not decimate them. **We strongly suggest you change your thinking in this new millennium, only through species-friendly management plans can we assure the desert tortoise future and, maybe and only then, will the taxpayers get what they are paying for.**



Martin and Eleanor Koppel
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Comments on the WEMO plan EIRS ¹⁷

Reopen all the trails that were closed because of "interim" lawsuit ~~so~~ deals.

All routes considered "open" unless signed "closed"

Open "C" routes in Spanglers.

The "Johnson to Parker" + "Johnson to Stoddard" corridors are to be used for competition events (safe regulated speed if + where necessary w/ flags + patrols)
The wording should be clear on this

All interim ~~measures~~ measures to be terminated at signing.

Please include the court reporters
copies of meeting speakers in the
final draft.

More comments to come before Sept 12

Also I choose not to participate
in the fee demo program unless
it can be stated where + tracked
where the money goes. Our green
stickers state money is farmed out on other
projects + lost.

How about 1-3 members of
each competition club - schooled + given
~~small~~ some authority to patrol our own
events. Much like volunteer sheriffs type.

Thank you,

CHECKERS M/C

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August 10, 2003

West Mojave Plan
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RE: West Mojave Plan Draft Environmental Impact Report

We feel, as registered voters and users of the land for recreation and recreational mining, that the only viable alternatives for the implementation of the West Mojave Plan are Alternatives E or F. The use of our country's public lands should be a right, and providing maximum availability while still protecting endangered species is the only prudent choice. Alternative E is our first choice, with Alternative F as our second choice.

We feel that, in the past years, we have lost most of our rights in the Mojave Desert. We can't pick up a rock, we can't use many of the roads, we can't pick up fire wood. Some areas are called Preserves and some areas are called Wilderness, but they all restrict recreational users. We are responsible users who have never destroyed the land. Yes, there are irresponsible users who do, but they are still out there, going around the barriers and doing exactly what they did without them. We love the desert and feel we are losing access to most of it, and greatly resent this fact.

The desert tortoise would derive much more benefit if you would direct efforts toward the raven problem and the upper respiratory disease problem facing them. We have firsthand knowledge regarding the desert tortoise because we raised 27 of them, as "foster parents". We love the desert tortoises and would never want to see them harmed or eradicated. They are one of the most interesting reptiles in existence.

We are members of two mining clubs: First Class Miners and Hi Desert Gold Diggers. We frequent the Dale Mining District (Pinto Mountain area) for recreation. Alternatives A through D will further restrict our ability to enjoy recreational activities in this area. Information provided by your own document confirms that this area is already free from disease, has a relatively low tortoise count, few carcasses and is "an isolated area with no above average human disturbance". Therefore, dropping the Pinto Mountain area from the Desert Wildlife Management Area (DWMA) designation would not adversely affect your overall plan. Your report also states that it is "relatively undisturbed ... and will remain so for the next 30 years". With only 157 square miles of area in the Pinto Mountain area, and with adjacent Joshua Tree National Park's maximum protection, we see no viable reason that the Pinto Mountain area cannot be removed from all alternatives for DWMA designation.

In conclusion, we strongly urge the BLM to drop the Pinto Mountain area from a DWMA designation, and we support Alternatives E (preferred) or F (second choice).

Sincerely,


Ted & Karen Meyers

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August 8, 2003

Mr. Bill Haigh
West Mojave Plan
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Dear Mr. Haigh:

I write to express my concerns regarding the West Mojave Plan, and to urge the Bureau of Land Management to correct the inaccuracies within the plan.

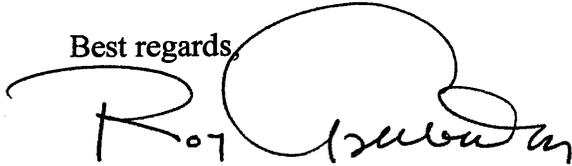
First, the science used to establish creatures as endangered or threatened must be empirically sound. The Desert Tortoise is a good example of faulty science dictating policy. Evidence shows that the Desert Tortoise is dying off due to a respiratory disease, not because of mankind's encroachment on its habitat. Little scientific evidence exists to substantiate the "threatened" status of many of the plants and animals in the West Mojave Plan. I urge the Bureau to not limit the public's access to public land, especially since much of the science that exists is incomplete and faulty.

Another pressing issue is the potential road closures. There are many roads and trails in the desert that the public utilizes for recreational and business use. Some of these are roads and trails to mining claims or grazing allotments, others are roads and trails that are used for recreational purposes. It is imperative that the plan incorporate an alternative to keep these roads open. Furthermore, the alternative to keep these roads and trails open must utilize roads and trails that are currently open. The West Mojave Plan is not the forum to close roads that the Bureau wanted to close in the past, but failed to do so.

Finally, the taking of public lands from the public is a growing trend in California. The public is being pushed off of land that they have historically been allowed to utilize. It is imperative that if road, trail, or land closures occur that a plan to mitigate that loss of public land be implemented on a 1:1 ratio. The government cannot continue to push the public off of its land and expect us to accept it without proper mitigation.

Thank you for all of your hard work on the West Mojave Plan, and for your consideration of my concerns. It is my hope that the West Mojave Plan will be a plan that utilizes sound science in managing our public lands.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Ashburn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R" and a distinct "07" or "01" in the middle.

Roy Ashburn

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BY SEPTEMBER 12

TO: West Mojave Plan Comments
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July 24, 2003

Bureau of Land Management
California Desert District Office
Attn: West Mojave Route Designation Project
22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos
Moreno Valley, CA. 92553

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in opposition to the West Mojave Plan (WEMO), which has been released for public comment. Firstly this is by your own (BLM) admission one of the largest habitat conservation plans ever developed. I believe that in order to receive accurate comments for this project you must include the LA Basin where good portions of the users reside.

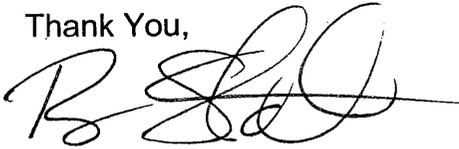
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Regarding the Johnson to Parker and Johnson to Stoddard race corridors I would like to see specific language to ensure these race corridors are available for use. If BLM is ensuring no races will be held outside of these corridors I would like to ensure we have use of the allowed corridors. I would also like to see the Barstow to Vegas corridor re-opened, this corridor offers so much history for our sport and I believe the Desert Vipers have submitted a workable course map each year along with their permit application. While we are on the subject of competition, if you are going to the trouble of approving a trail it must be made available for the competition use. To ensure that there is no confusion among riders and other users please adopt the policy of open unless marked otherwise.

This is a very serious matter to be considered, there is a rational conclusion out there and compromise has to be a familiar word on both sides of the fence. I would like to see these lands remain open for the use of families and friends of the desert. I have grown up in the desert for 24 years and I feel that the ever-

closing grip of the environmental groups is just going too far. This so-called "Land Grab" in my opinion is not necessary and is just another way for you all to snag another piece of land that should remain open for the enjoyment of the residents of this state. Please chose your battles logically and not just try and snag every open piece of land because of a couple of people happen to enjoy doing something that might not particularly appeal to you.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Stendell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ryan Stendell
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August 6, 2003

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- I feel very strongly in the reinstatement of the Barstow to Vegas corridor. There have been organizations that have submitted a workable course map each year along with their permit application.
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Please include these comments as part of the public record. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely, 
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cc Bill Howell

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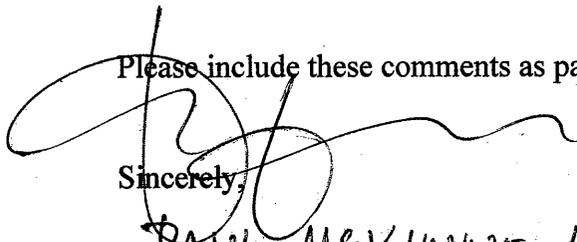
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- All existing routes should be considered open unless marked closed.

Please include these comments as part of the public record. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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