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## Dear Sirs:

Thank you for extending the WEMO comment period until January, 2016. As I understand the current document, it contains an "updated route inventory [that] includes routes that were not previously identified. It proposes a solution for travel management to protect important resources while maximizing public accessibility in the desert (BLM CA Newsbytes)."

A large group of researchers help the BLM inventory and manage resources. This group includes the U. S. Geological Survey, Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, Desert Tortoise Council, Native Plant Society, and California State University Desert Studies. As a one of those researchers and as a member of the WEMO TMA committee representing nonrenewable resources, I am presenting the attached data that contains established routes in the Cady Mountains, one of several active areas of resource inventory and management.

The Cady Mountains were subject to the 1988 BLM Afton Management Plan that displays over 30 established routes designated with BLM route numbers. The attached data contains maps of over 80 roads established and in use prior to 1993. These routes were used for mining and ranching and for access to inventory and manage resources. The Cady Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA) was established in 1994, but apparently did not take into account the 80 plus established roads during this determination.

Please save a copy of this route data and forward this data showing pre-1993 established roads to staff that can add this to the route maps that accompany the Draft Final WEMO TMA document.

Sincerely,

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