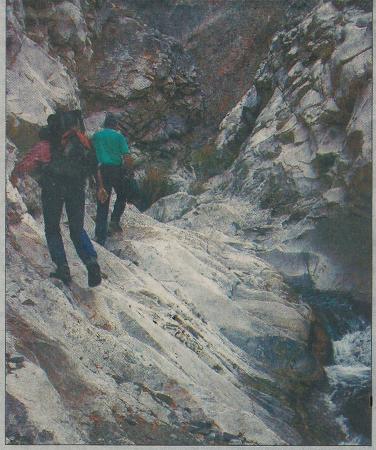
## RESOURCE ROUT



Hikers have no problem navigating through this narrow section of Surprise Canyon, and a lawsuit will determine if vehicles will once again be allowed to traverse the canyon's tough terrain. File photo

## Groups boxed into canyon arguments

Whether Surprise Canyon should be accessible to offroaders is now up to the courts

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Maybe it should not be a surprise that the future of a controversial road in Surprise Canyon will be decided by a judge.

Several conservation and environmental groups have filed a lawsuit to completely block any vehicular traffic in Surprise Canyon, located in Death Valley National Park. The short section of road has created a long trail of controversy and legal moves over the past 25 years.

The most recent suit filed by the conservation groups takes aim See CANYON, page A-3