

# *Recovery Implementation Teams*

## *Structure & Function*



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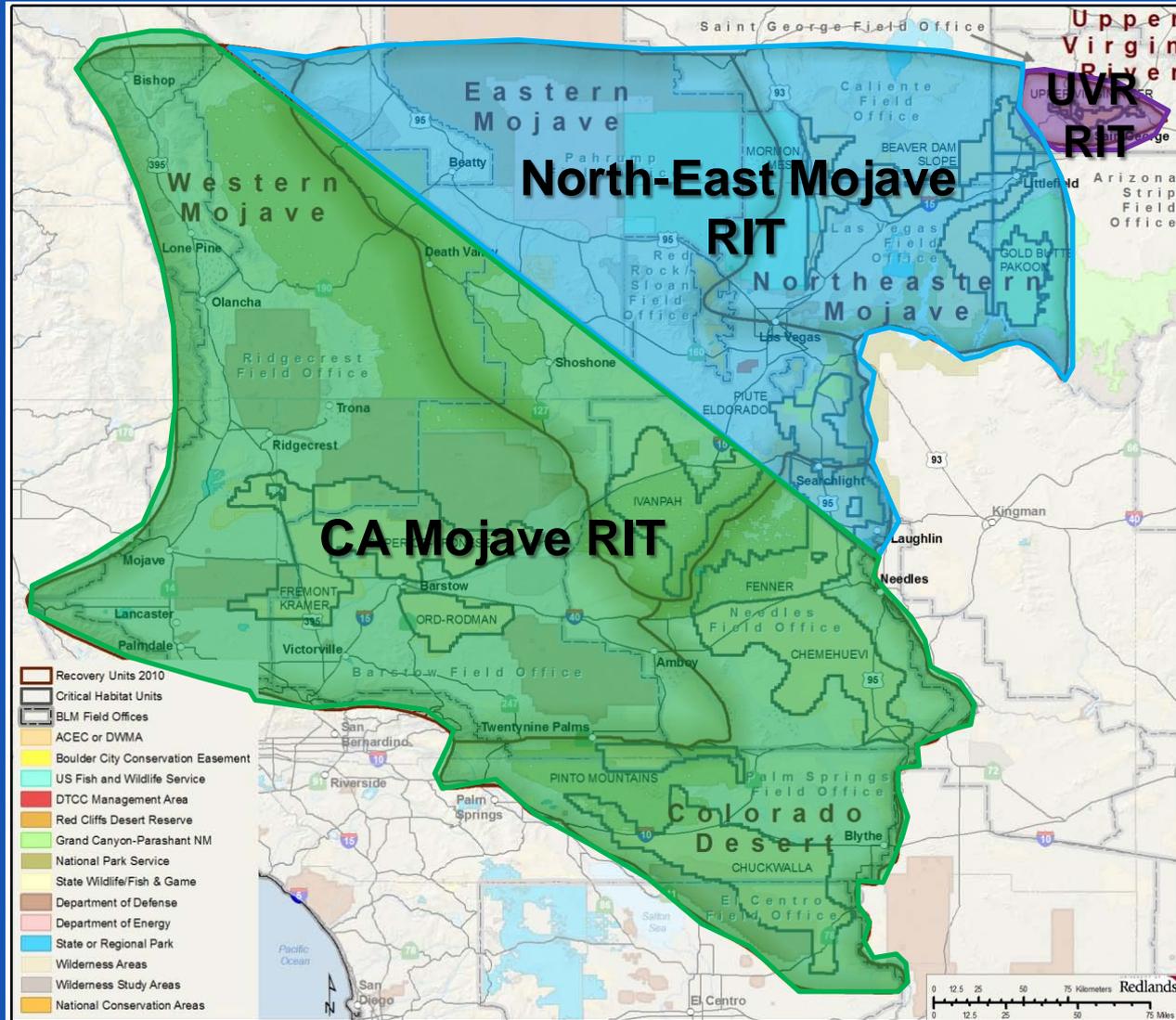
- Create prioritized 5-Year Recovery Action Plans
- Track implementation and threat reduction
- Examine correlations between management actions and tortoise recovery

***TOOL: Spatial Decision Support System***

***Model-based approach to characterize, assess, and prioritize recovery efforts***

***Range-wide tracking and reporting on recovery actions and progress***

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Each workgroup will consist of ~8-15 individuals:

## Agency representatives:

- land management
- wildlife management
- local government
- tribal resource agency

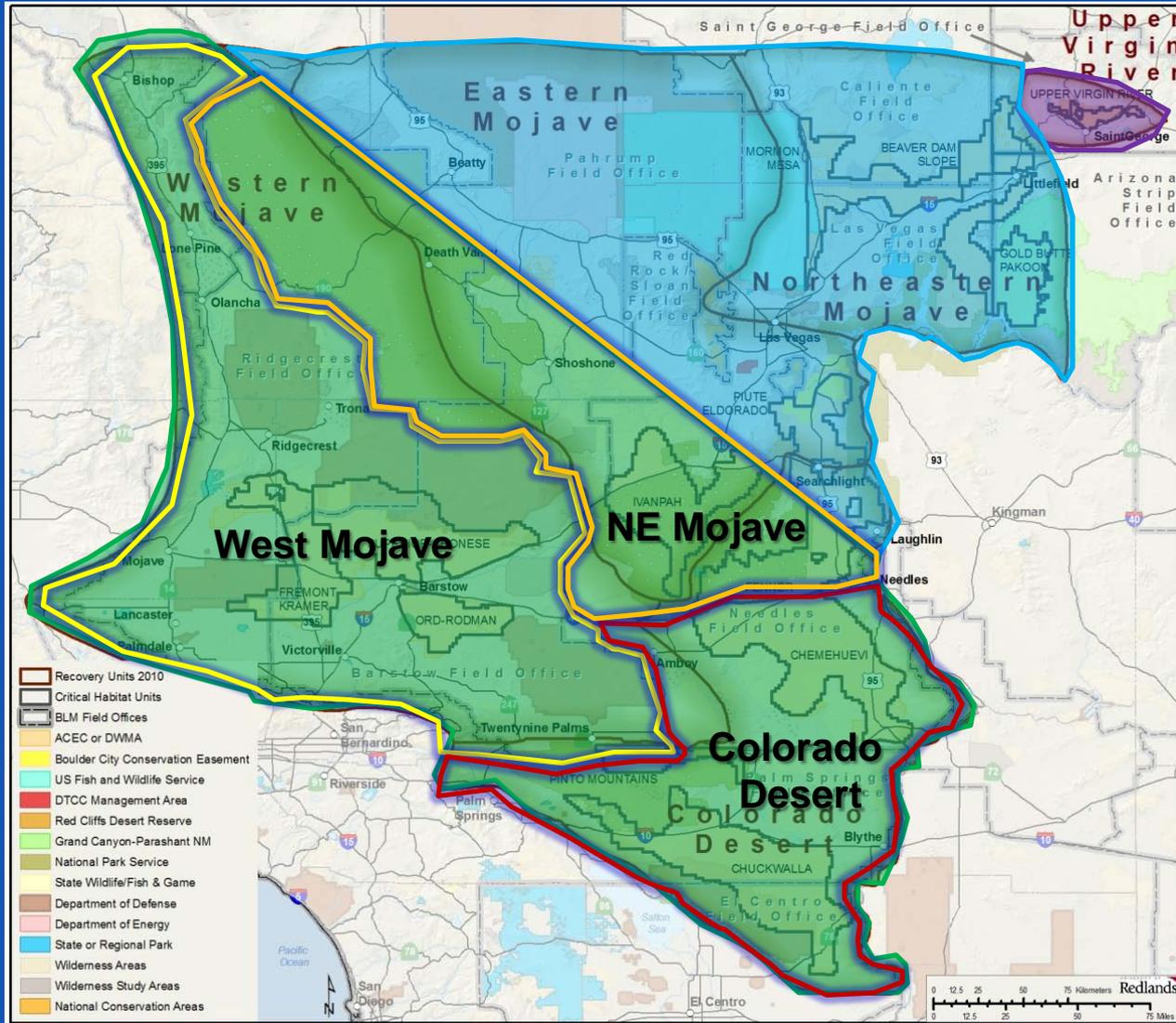
## Stakeholder representatives:

- resource-use group
- recreation group
- conservation organization
- scientific community



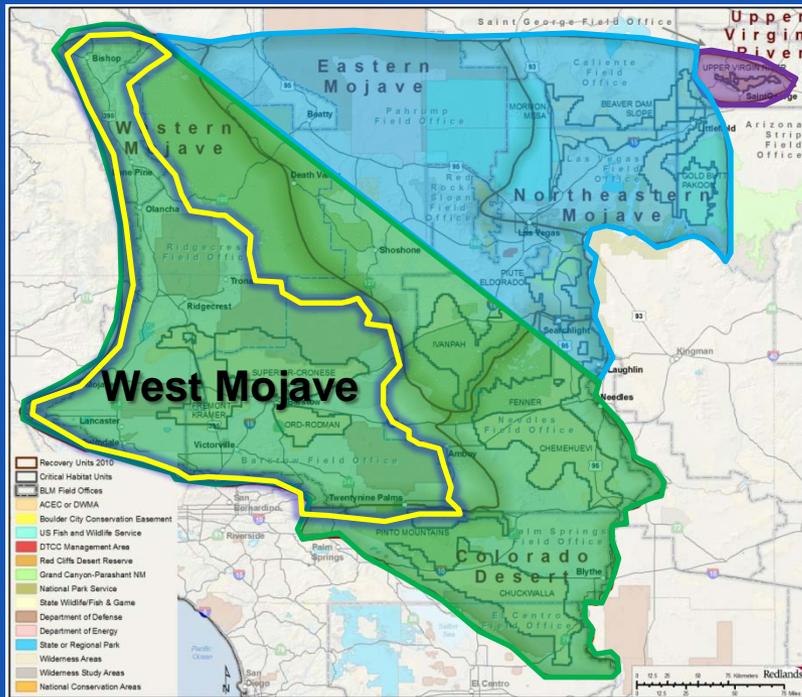
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## California Mojave RIT: Workgroups



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### West Mojave Workgroup

#### Agency Representatives

##### *Land Management*

- 1) BLM Barstow Field Office
- 2) BLM Ridgecrest Field Office
- 3) Edwards Air Force Base
- 4) Fort Irwin National Training Center
- 5) Twenty-Nine Palms MCAGCC
- 6) China Lake NAWS
- 7) Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow

##### *Wildlife Management*

- 8) FWS Ventura Field Office
- 9) CDFG Inland Desert Region

##### *County Government*

- 10) San Bernardino County
- 11) Kern County
- 12) Inyo County
- 13) LA County

##### *Tribes*

- 14) Center for CA Native Nations

#### Stakeholder Representatives

##### *Resource-use*

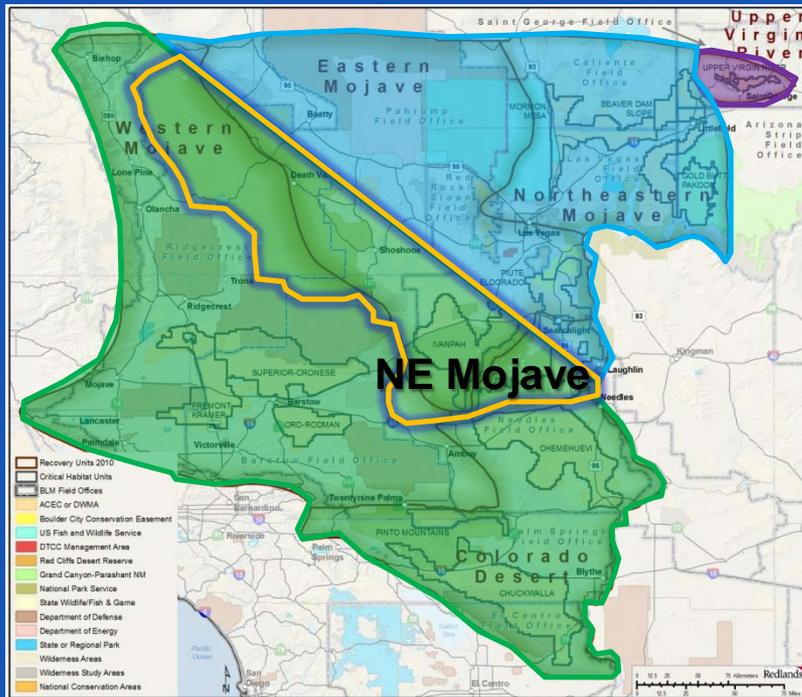
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##### *Conservation*

##### *Scientific*

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## California Mojave RIT: Workgroups



### NE Mojave

#### Agency Representatives

##### *Land Management*

- 1) BLM Barstow Field Office
- 2) BLM Needles Field Office
- 3) NPS Mojave National Preserve
- 4) NPS Death Valley National Park

##### *Wildlife Management*

- 5) FWS Ventura Field Office
- 6) CDFG Inland Desert Region

##### *County Government*

- 7) San Bernardino County
- 8) Inyo County

##### *Tribes*

- 9) Timbisha Shoshone Tribe

#### Stakeholder Representatives

##### *Resource-use*

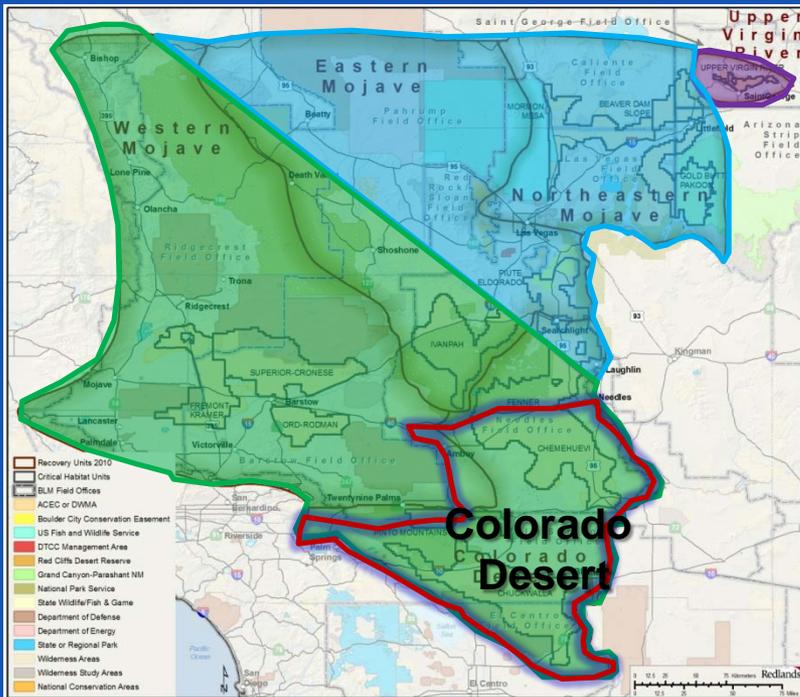
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### Colorado Desert

#### Agency Representatives

##### *Land Management*

- 1) BLM Palm Springs Field Office
- 2) BLM Needles Field Office
- 3) NPS Joshua Tree National Park
- 4) Chocolate Mountains AGR

##### *Wildlife Management*

- 5) FWS Carlsbad Field Office
- 6) CDFG, Inland Desert Region

##### *County Government*

- 7) Riverside County
- 8) Imperial County

##### *Tribes*

- 9) 29Palms Band of Mission Indians
- 10) Chemehuevi Indian Tribe

#### Stakeholder Representatives

##### *Resource-use*

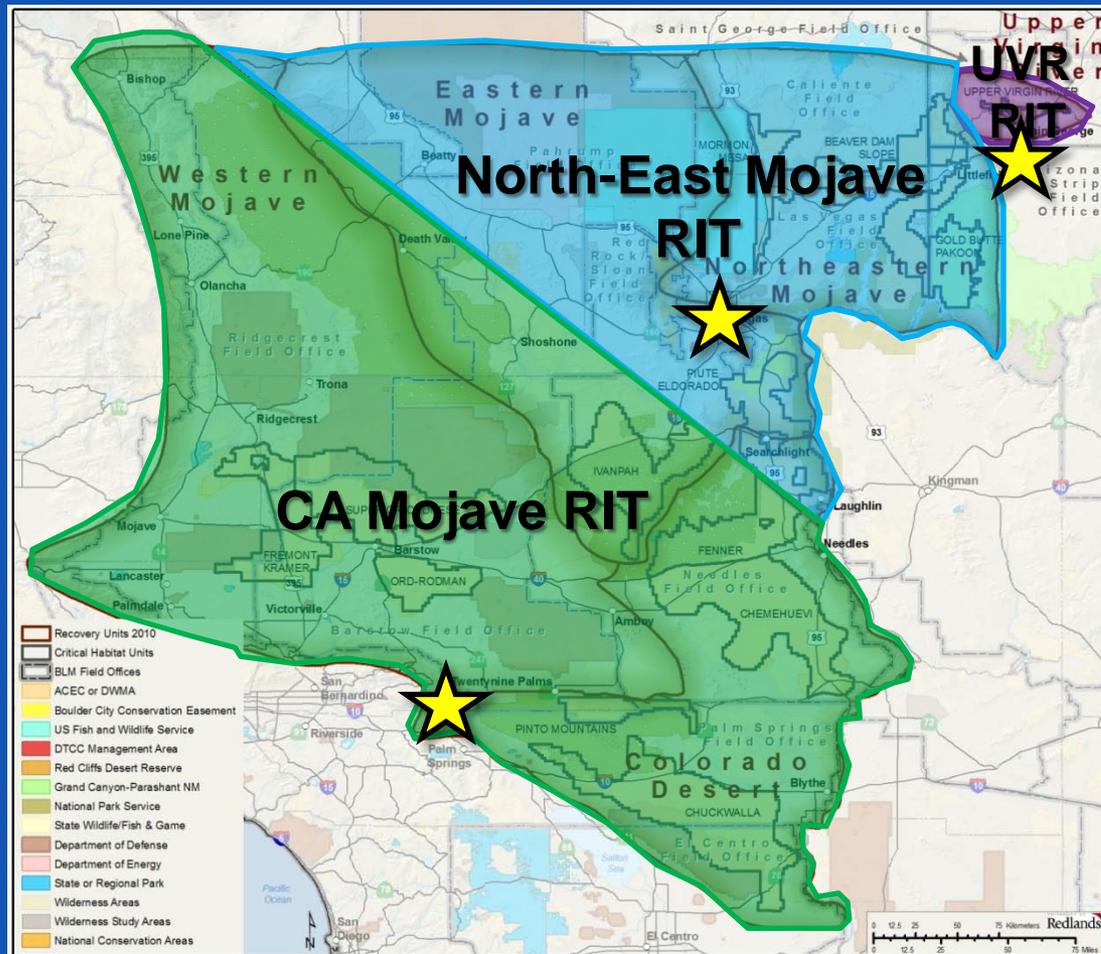
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## Potential Meeting Locations



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## *Expectations for RIT meeting outcomes*

**Science-based, prioritized 5-Year Recovery Action Plan to guide budget requests and implementation within RIT workgroup area**

*Note---The RIT Recovery Action Planning process does not preclude agencies and organizations from implementing recovery actions on the ground as otherwise recommended in the recovery plan*



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## *Expectations for RIT meeting outcomes*

Time t	<b>RIT Meeting 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn to explore and use the SDSS</li><li>• Assess preliminary threats assessment</li><li>• Suggestions for model/data revision</li></ul>
+ 3 mos	<b>RIT Meeting 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop better threats assessment with new info/data</li><li>• Develop preliminary 5-Year Action Plan for budget process and for manager/organization feedback</li></ul>
+ 6 mos	<b>RIT Meeting 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conduct full threats assessment, creating 5-Year Action Plan</li><li>• Begin to coordinate implementation through development of annual work plans</li></ul>
+ 6 mos	<b>RIT Meeting 4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue to coordinate implementation of annual work plans</li><li>• Begin to track implementation and effectiveness</li></ul>

*RITs now meet twice a year with goals to report and re-evaluate; report and re-evaluate...*

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## *Terms of Service*

- Members will be appointed by the FWS RD based on demonstrated interest/participation in recovery planning process; others will be considered upon request. Stakeholder reps appointed by FWS are encouraged to coordinate among their interest groups.
- A RIT chair will be nominated by the RIT to serve one-year, will work with DTRO to ensure performance and reporting; each workgroup will also have a lead who reports to the RIT chair.
- We estimate that participation on a RIT workgroup will require approximately 5-10% of the person's time, depending on travel. Some proportion of this will be redirected, rather than new work.

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## *Role of DTRO in RITs*

- Act as liaison between the RIT and the FWS RD, Desert Tortoise Management Oversight Group, Science Advisory Committee, and appropriate regional groups
- Provide guidance, coordination, and facilitation for completing RIT products
- Supply staff and technical support



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## *On-line RIT Resources*

For RIT members with interests in more than one workgroup and for non-members who would like to provide input to the RIT process

- Secure sharepoint for RIT members only at [deserttortoise.gov](http://deserttortoise.gov). Will provide access to documents and a venue to provide feedback and make progress between RIT meetings
- ◉ Model and data explorer sites
- ◉ Publicly-available RIT information page at [deserttortoise.gov](http://deserttortoise.gov) for posting RIT products and soliciting feedback
- ◉ Announcements of when RITs will report out on progress



# Proposed CA Mojave RIT workflow

