



Briefing Statement

Date: April 19, 2012

Title: Golden Eagle Coordination

Issue: Next steps for DMG coordination of golden eagle conservation measures

Background/Status

- At the October 2011 meeting, the DMG agreed to explore opportunities to coordinate conservation actions for the golden eagle under the Eagle Protection Act. The DOI Coordinator was tasked to continue dialogue with the regulators in Sacramento (FWS and CDFG) and to develop a proposal to the DMG.
- At the October meeting, Edwards, BLM, and Kern County expressed interest in participating in an ad hoc eagle work group.
- DOI has asked the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) to consider golden eagles and three options are being developed:
 - Develop a DRECP conservation strategy for eagles
 - Develop permit coverage for agencies implementing the DRECP
 - Manage eagle permitting on a project by project basis (a no action alternative)
- There is a need to coordinate conservation design on activities beyond the scope of DRECP and on military installations. There is interest from FWS and CDFG to set up a working meeting that includes DMG members, especially the installations.

Proposed Action

- The DMG continue to pursue golden eagle conservation coordination by convening the ad hoc work group to meet with FWS and CDFG and explore next steps.
- Additional DMG members, especially installations, participate in the ad hoc work group.

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