

Agenda
DESERT MANAGERS GROUP MEETING
December 3-4, 2002
Needles, CA

December 3, 2002

8:00 am Introductions and Review/Modify agenda (Brady)

8:15 am Welcome and Overview of BLM Needles Field Office Resources and Activities (Brady)

8:30 am Desert Tortoise Recovery (Brady)

- GAO desert tortoise audit results/implications (Williams)
- Results of the MOG/MOG TAC meeting (Williams/Medica)
 - recovery plan review - process and timeframe
 - petition review - process and timeframe
 - other
- Proposed desert tortoise science team/office (Williams)
- Result of the Tortoise Monitoring Workshop (Heaton)
- Desert tortoise monitoring budget and work plan (Medica)
- Results of the Tortoise Disease Workshop (Jones)
- Education and Outreach Plan (Sanchez/Zarki)
- Raven Management - next steps (Williams)
- Feral Dog Management - next steps (Kenna)
- Threats Workshop -(Medica)
- Stakeholder Discussions and Participation (Hamill)
- Desert Tortoise Summit (Hamill)
- Implementation/Budget Strategy(Kenna)

1:00 pm Lunch

2:00 pm -- Colorado River-Havasu National Wildlife Refuge Field Trip (enclosed)

- Havasu NWR Overview and Management Issues (Greg Wolfe, FWS)
- Ad hoc Burro Strategy Group Report (Mary Martin)
- FY 03 Burro Management Work Plan (Sjaastad)

5:00 pm - Return from Field Trip

5:00 pm -- Social event and dinner to follow at the Marina.

7:30 pm -- Return to Needles

December 4, 2002

8:00 am USGS Recoverability and Vulnerability Project (USGS)

- Purpose, scope and results
- Future activities and plans
- Discussion and Feedback
- Next Step

9:00 am DIRT Report (Sanchez/Zarki)

- FY 02 Accomplishments/Issues
- Californiadesert.gov

- FY 03 DIRT work plan

9:30 am Break

9:45 am Hazmat Work Group Report (Key/Brown)

- FY 02 Accomplishments/Issues
- FY 03 Work plan

10:15 am Habitat Restoration Report (Scofield)

- FY 02 Accomplishments/Issues
- Restoration Conference
- FY 03 Work plan

10:45 am Competitive Outsourcing (Copenhagen)

- Is there a need/opportunity to work together?

11:00 pm Research Work Group (Hughson)

- FY 02 Accomplishments/Issues
- Science Symposium
- FY 03 Work plan

11:30 am -- Lunch

12:30 pm China Lakes Draft EIS (O'Gara)

1:00 pm California Legacy Program Workshop (Madelyn Glickfeld, CA Res. Agency)

- Purpose and scope
- DMG involvement and support
- Relationship to desert tortoise summit
- Workshop Participants

1:45 pm Review/Amend 5-Year Plan(Hamill/Everly)

2:00 pm Break

2:15 pm DMG Roundtable reports (Group)

3:15 pm Next Meetings

- March 5-6 **or** 12-13, 2003, Palm Springs, CA Host: Jim Kenna
- Spring Meeting, location/host to be determined

3:30 pm Adjourn

Attachment
Colorado River Field Trip

Trip Overview: On Tuesday afternoon we will be taking a boat trip down the majestic Colorado River through the Topock Gorge, sometimes referred to as the "Little Grand Canyon." The cruise through this wildlife sanctuary, offers breathtaking photo opportunities of flora, fauna and geology. This is part of the Havasu Wildlife Refuge and is surrounded by Wilderness areas. Greg Wolf, Refuge Manager, will accompany us on this trip and provide an overview of the major challenges they face in ensuring the integrity of this valuable area.

At Trampas Wash, we will stop to review the damage being done by the burros in the Refuge and the Wilderness. BLM employee Dave Sjaastad will brief us on plans to conduct a gather using barges to transport the burros.

What to Bring:

- Jacket/windbreaker
- Sun screen
- Hat
- Hiking shoes
- Camera
- Binoculars