

June 19, 2006

Memorandum

To: Desert Managers Group

From: Clarence Everly, DMG Coordinator

Subject: Desert Managers Group Meeting, July 26 – 27, Big Bear City, CA

This is final confirmation of the Desert Managers Group meeting to be held July 26 - 27, 2006, at the U.S. Forest Service Discovery Center, 41397 North Shore Drive, Highway 38, Fawnskin, CA. 92333. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on July 26<sup>th</sup> and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Max Copenhagen will be our Forest Service host for the meeting. **Please note the following important information:**

- A draft meeting agenda is attached. Please provide any comments or additional agenda items by 30 June 2006.
- Review materials and the final agenda will be posted on the DMG Website at <http://www.dmg.gov/announcements.html> approximately one week before the meeting.
- Lodging is available at the Best Western Big Bear Chateau, 42200 Moonridge Road, Big Bear Lake, CA. 92315 (\$76.00). Call 1-800-232-7466 for reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved under the Desert Managers Group. The reservation cut-off date for guaranteed per diem rates is 14 July 2006.
- A field trip is scheduled for the afternoon of 26 July. We will visit various sites in the San Bernardino National Forest. More information to follow as events are confirmed. Please remember to bring comfortable walking shoes and clothing, water, sunscreen, your camera and a light to medium jacket depending on weather.
- A social event is scheduled after the field trip for the evening of July 26<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at B's Backyard BBQ located on the lake.

If you have questions, please contact Clarence Everly at 760-256-7033 or Russell Scofield at 760-365-0955. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.



(Draft) Agenda  
July 26 - 27, 2006  
USFS Discovery Center  
Big Bear, California

**Wednesday, July 26, 2006 (open to stakeholders)**

- 8:30 am Welcome and logistics, order lunch (Max Copenhagen, U.S. Forest Service)
- 8:35 am Introduction to the San Bernardino National Forest - resources, issues, activities and organization (Max Copenhagen, U.S. Forest Service)
- 9:00 am Desert Tortoise Recovery Office Update (Roy Averill-Murray, USFWS)
- Desert Tortoise recovery criteria update
  - Stakeholder assessment update
  - FY 07 monitoring
  - Next steps/upcoming meetings
- 9:30 am Fort Irwin Land Expansion
- Status of acquired lands
  - Mitigation measures
    - Grazing allotment retirement/purchase
    - Desert Tortoise Translocation
- 10:00 am Stakeholder Input
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:30 am High Speed Train Project (Tim Read, Consultant)
- 11:00 am Level 1 Spring Monitoring Protocols (Dr. Don Sada, Desert Research Institute; Chris Warner, Great Basin Institute)
- 11:30 am Needles BLM Resource Area Springs Program (Heather McKenny, BLM)
- 11:45 am Stakeholder Input
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm San Bernardino National Forest Field Trip (open to stakeholders)
- 6:00 pm Social Event (B's Backyard BBQ on the Lake)

**Thursday, July 27, 2006 - DMG Members, staff and invited guests only**

- 8:00 am Follow-up from Open Session (Max Copenhagen, USFS)
- 8:30 am Hazmat Work Group Update (Dave Burdette/Russell Scofield/Max Copenhagen)
- Work Group Update
  - Abandoned Mine Lands
  - Using volunteers for Abandoned Mine Lands surveys
  - Joshua Tree NP AML Program
- 9:30 am Desert Tortoise Education and Outreach Project Update (Joe Zarki, NPS)
- Current project status
    - Public Survey
    - Newsletter
    - Brochure
    - Education trunks
    - Mojave Max Contest
  - Grant update
  - FY 2007 work plan
  - Desert Tortoise symposium
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:15 am Mojave Ground Squirrel Work Group update (Becky Jones, CDFG)
- Conservation strategy development
  - MGS workshop status
- 10:45 am Free roaming dog work group update (Becky Jones, CDFG)
- 11:00 am Law Enforcement in the National Forest (drug interdiction)
- 11:30 am Raven EA (Judy Hohman, FWS)
- EA status
  - EA implementation planning status
  - Education and Outreach
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Hantavirus briefing (Joe Burns, DHS)
- 1:30 pm PACRAT Update (Bob Bryson, NPS)
- 1:45 pm Intro to Environmental Management Systems (Dev Copp, USFS)
- 2:15 pm Restoration Efforts Update (Russell Scofield, BLM)
- Low Desert WMA update
  - Tamarisk control grants

- 2:30 pm Mojave Fringe Toed Lizard Update (Russell Scofield)
- 2:50 pm Next Meetings (Everly)
- October 18 - 19, 2006. Death Valley National Park. Host: National Park Service
  - Winter Meeting: Date and host to be determined
- 3:00 pm Roundtable Report
- 3:30 pm Adjourn