

March 11, 2010

Memorandum

To: Desert Managers Group

From: Fon Duke, DOD DMG Coordinator  
Russell Scofield, DOI DMG Coordinator

Subject: Desert Managers Group Meeting, May 19 and 20, 2010, Death Valley National Park

The Desert Managers Group will hold its winter meeting May 19 and 20 at the Death Valley National Park. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on May 19 and adjourn by 4:30 p.m. on May 20. Sarah Craighead, Superintendent of Death Valley National Park is our host for the meeting. A draft agenda accompanies this announcement.

Please note the following important information:

- All review/read-ahead materials will be posted on <http://www.dmg.gov> approximately one week prior to the meeting.
- *The deadline for hotel reservations is Sunday, April 18, 2010. The hotel will not make per diem rate rooms available outside of the room block.*
- A block of rooms is being held at the Furnace Creek Ranch. *You can make reservations by calling 760-786-2345 and referencing group code 229450. The group rate will be \$84 per night.*
- For more information about Furnace Creek Ranch, visit <http://www.furnacecreekresort.com/>. For more information about Death Valley National Park, visit <http://www.nps.gov/deva/index.htm>.
- The meeting itself will occur in the Chef Marquez room at the Furnace Creek Inn. This is same location we have used in the past. A map will be posted with read ahead material.
- A tour of field trip is scheduled for the afternoon of May 19. For the tour, please bring:
  - Sturdy walking shoes
  - Water
  - Sun screen
  - Hat
  - Camera
  - Dress for warm weather
- A lunch will be available on May 19. More information is forthcoming.
- After the tour, a dinner event is planned in the Date Grove, within walking distance of the hotel. The dinner will consist of a Mexican food buffet. Approximate cost for dinner will be \$20 to \$25
- *RSVP to Fon Duke, 760-252-6161 ([fduke@mojavedata.gov](mailto:fduke@mojavedata.gov)) no later than **May 1, 2010** if you will attend the evening dinner.*

If you have questions, please contact Fon Duke at 760-252-6161 or Russell Scofield at 760-365-0955. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.