

FY 00 Work Plan
Desert Managers Group

1. Establish a FY 00 budget for DMG activities by 12/31/99. Hire Program Coordinators and implement approved work plans (subject to availability of funds). Resolve issue related to location, duties, and accountability of the Program Coordinators by 1/00.
2. Develop, finalize, and approve coordinated work plans for FY 2001 projects by September 30, 2000 (beginning developing the work plans in August 00 for those project likely to receive funds in FY 01).
3. Educate key stakeholders, interest groups, and members of Congress about the DMG and the FY 2001 budget initiative for the Cal desert by April 2000.
4. Develop, approve, and submit a FY 2002 budget initiative for the California desert by May 30, 2000.
5. Develop and approve a marketing plan by April 2000 for the California Desert Website.
6. Establish a Website for the DMG by April 2000.
7. Finalize the DMG's Charter and the Cooperative Agreement to formally establish the DMG by April 2000.
8. Finalize the 5 year plan for the DMG by September 00.
9. Assess the feasibility of implementing a non profit association for the California Desert by April 2000. If feasible, develop an implementation plan by September 00.
10. Develop and adopt a logo for the DMG by February 15, 2000.
11. Assess the application of current wilderness annexes and the need for additional annexes by September 30, 1999.

FY 99 Accomplish Report
Desert Managers Group

1. Develop, finalize, and approve coordinated work plans for expending FY 2000 funds in the budget of the NPS, BLM, GS, and FWS for the Cal Desert by September 30, 1999:

- ◆ Upland Habitat Restoration:
- ◆ Riparian Habitat Restoration
- ◆ Unauthorized Dump Clean-up and Restoration
- ◆ Burro Management
- ◆ Integrated Ecological Monitoring
- ◆ Desert Tortoise Monitoring
- ◆ USGS Mojave ecosystem vulnerability/recoverability project

Status: Complete. Work plans developed/approved for all projects and submitted to the Washington office for funding, except for the USGS Mojave ecosystem vulnerability/recoverability project, which is still being discussed within the DMG.

2. Develop, approve, and submit a FY 2001 budget initiative for the California desert by May 30, 1999.

Status: Complete. Budget submitted; DOI, Agency and OMB briefings completed. Approximately \$8.0 M included for the DMG in DOI's recommended FY 01.

3. Identify and approve audiences and messages that support the vision and mission of the Desert Manager Group by September 30, 1999.

Status: DMG briefing documented developed which summarizes the mission and accomplishments of the DMG and describes the FY 01 budget initiatives. "Outreach" plans being developed by the work groups and the DMG for the FY 01 budget initiative.

4. Develop and approve a plan by September 30, 1999, for the DMG Website, including identifying audiences we are trying to reach and the messages for reaching those audiences. .

Status: The *californiadesert.gov* Website was launched on October 31, 1999. An operations and maintenance plan for the Website has been developed. A DIRT subgroup is currently developing a marketing plan for the Website. The DOD Coordinator is developing a separate Website for the DMG, which will include detailed information of the DMG and its activities.

5. Determine whether and how to proceed with implementation of a decision support system by December 1, 1999.

Status: Complete. The DMG scoping effort was completed. A presentation and recommendations were provided to the managers. The DMG approved a plan to develop

a pilot DSS, subject to availability of funds in FY 00.

6. Assess the application of current wilderness annexes and the need for additional annexes by September 30, 1999.

Status: Incomplete. No assessment of the need for future annexes was completed.

7. Develop DMG briefing materials on the DMG and the FY 2000 budget initiatives by May 1, 1999. Develop and begin implementing a plan by September 30, 1999 for briefing "key" stakeholders, decision makers and interested parties about the DMG activities.

Status: DMG briefing documented developed which summarizes the mission and accomplishments of the DMG and describes the FY 00 budget initiatives. Briefings provided to the key members of the California congressional delegation, House appropriations committees, and key Washington office agency staff. Final funding levels will be determined after meetings with the Agency directors following passage of the FY 00 budget.

FY 01 briefing package developed. Several managers and the DOI/DOD coordinator conducted briefing of key DOI, Agency and OMB staff on the FY 01 budget initiative. "Outreach" plans are being developed for the FY 01 budget initiative to educate key stakeholders, decision makers and interested parties about the DMG activities and increase Congressional support for the FY 01 budget initiative.