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Proposed
Desert Tortoise Summit

Goals:

- Create awareness and support for an effective and timely desert tortoise recovery effort
- Promote a dialogue and collaborative approach to resolving ESA (especially desert tortoise) issues among government, stakeholders, and business
- Create awareness of the status of the desert tortoise populations, factors that are contributing to its decline, and agency efforts and accomplishments related to recovery of the desert tortoise.

Host: DMG Executive Coordination Committee

Target Audience/ Prospective Sponsors:

- **Government:** DOI/DOD/State Executives; Agency WO Staff; Congressional delegation; Congressional Committee staff, local governments; BLM/NPS desert advisory councils
- **NGO's:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, National Parks Foundation, Environmental Groups, Off Highway Vehicle Groups
- **Business:** DaimlerChrysler Corp, Other
- **Academia:** University of Redlands, Cal State University Fullerton, Cal State University Dominguez Hills, University of Nevada, Reno
- **Media**

Time Frame/Location: March /April 2003; Palm Springs/Victorville, CA

Draft Agenda (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

1. Introduction/ purpose and desired outcomes (Executives)
2. political setting and realities
3. Report on the Status of desert tortoise
 - Population status
 - Threats
 - Accomplishments
4. Sustainable desert resources and uses for people and wildlife
5. Stakeholder Perspective and Solutions
6. DMG/MOG Plans for Desert Tortoise Recovery
7. Facilitated Breakout Work Sessions
8. Budget and implementation
 - Integrating science with recovery
 - Outreach and Education
 - Stakeholder involvement
9. Breakout Group Reports (45 min)
10. Next Steps (Executives (30 min)

Prospective Keynote Speakers:

- Judge Harold Manson (AS-FWP)
- Steve Williams (D-FWS)
- Gail Norton (Sec, DOI)
- Bob Hight (D-CDFG)
- Congressman Jerry Lewis
- Senator Diane Feinstein (CA)
- Congressman Jim Hansen (UT)
- NGO's leaders

Issues:

1. DMG/MOG executive support and involvement
2. DOI support and involvement
3. Scope/emphasis: California vs range-wide (CA, NV, UT, AZ)
4. If range-wide, the event should be planned and coordinated by the MOG not the DMG. Who would take the lead and what other MOG member would get actively involved?