

## FY 2004 DMG Budget Proposal Mojave Desert Science Symposium

### Goals and Objectives:

Land management agencies need the best science available to guide decisions that affect natural resources. Scientific information is dynamic, however, and contributions from issue- and curiosity-driven research are constantly changing both the natural resource database and our understanding of natural processes. Keeping the decision-makers informed of results from the latest research requires frequent information exchange. The 1999 Mojave Desert Science Symposium provided an opportunity for two-way information exchange between managers and scientists that was highly regarded by the participants. This proposal seeks funding to assist with the production of the next Mojave Desert Science Symposium, building on the successes and lessons learned starting with the first effort to bring scientists and managers together in 1992. The organizational committee consists of Robert Webb (USGS), Lesley DeFalco (USGS), Lynn Fenstermaker (DRI), Eric McDonald (DRI), Dave Miller (USGS), Jim Andre (UCR), Brent Husung (DOD), Jill Heaton (UR), and Debra Hughson (NPS). The symposium will be held November 16-18, 2004 (FY05) but funding will be needed in FY04. There will be approximately 20 speakers on four themes, perhaps 100 posters, and an audience of about 350. The four themes are:

- Threats to the Mojave Ecosystem: Past, Present, and Future
- Ecosystem Indicators: Linking Attributes and Processes
- Natural versus Active Restoration
- Scales of Sustainability: Species to Ecosystems

### Task Description:

The organizing committee has estimated a total cost for the symposium at approximately \$50,000 and expects approximately 350 participants to pay \$50 each to attend. This leaves a shortfall of \$32,500. The University of Redlands is donating use of facilities, estimated at a value of \$4000. Mojave Desert Ecosystem Program will provide webpage hosting. This symposium supports the DMG goal to coordinate scientific studies and develop a statement of need for additional studies.

### Proposed Budget: (California only)

Agency	FY 2004	Promised
<b>FWS</b>	<b>\$2500</b>	
<b>GS</b>	<b>\$3000</b>	<b>\$2000 (BRD)</b>
<b>NPS</b>	<b>\$5000</b>	
<b>BLM</b>	<b>\$5000</b>	
<b>DOD</b>	<b>\$11500</b>	<b>\$2500 (USAF)</b>
<b>FS</b>	<b>\$2000</b>	
<b>CA</b>	<b>\$2500</b>	<b>\$2000 (UCR)</b>
<b>DRI</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>\$1000</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$32,500</b>	<b>\$7500</b>

**Note:** This request has been coordinated with and endorsed by the Desert Managers Group.

For FY 04 funding, identify the when a funding commitment is needed:

Fall;  Winter;  Spring;  Summer