

Prospectus

Desert Tortoise Summit

Goals:

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

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, Desert Tortoise Interest Groups, Environmental Groups, Off Highway Vehicle Groups, other stakeholders
- **Business:** DaimlerChrysler Corp, Other
- **Academia:** University of Redlands, University of California, Riverside, Cal State University Fullerton, Cal State University Dominguez Hills, University of Nevada, Reno;
- **Media**

Time Frame/Location: 1-1 ½ days in April 2003/Palm Springs/Victorville, CA

Agenda Topics/Options:

1. Introduction/ purpose and desired outcomes (Executives)
2. Sustainable desert resources and uses for people and wildlife
3. Political setting
4. Report on the Status of desert tortoise
 - Population status
 - Success Stories
 - Workshop results
5. Stakeholder Perspectives and Solutions
6. DMG/MOG Plans for Desert Tortoise Recovery
7. Facilitated Breakout Work Sessions
 - Integrating science with recovery
 - Outreach and Education
 - Stakeholder involvement
 - Budget and implementation

Prospective Speakers:

- Judge Harold Manson (AS-FWP)
- Steve Williams (D-FWS)
- Gail Norton (Sec, DOI)
- Bob Hight (D-CDFG)
- Congressman Jerry Lewis (CA)
- Senator Diane Feinstein (CA)
- Senator Harry Reid (NV)
- NGO's leaders – user and environmental groups
- Business leaders
- Leading Desert Ecologists

Planning Committee Invitees:

- John Hamill DOI (lead)
- Clarence Everly DOD
- Bob Williams FWS
- Todd Jones FWS-NCTC
- Linda Hansen BLM
- Steve Razo BLM
- Mary Martin NPS
- Sherry DuFault USGS
- Curt Taucher Cal Department of Fish and Game
- Becky Jones Cal Department of Fish and Game
- Roy Denner Off Highway Business Association
- Gerry Hillier Quad State Coalition
- Mike Connor Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee
- Elden Hughes Sierra Club
- Bill Mader Administrator, Red Cliffs Desert Preserve, UT
- Jill Heaton University of Redlands
- Bill Presh Cal State University, Fullerton
- Richard Tracy University of Nevada, Reno
- Clair Thorpe National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Note: Other agencies or organizations that support the goals of the Summit are welcome to participate in the Planning Committee.

Executive Advisors:

- Steve Thompson, FWS
- Mike Pool, BLM
- John Jarvis, NPS
- Michael Carr, USGS
- Bob Hight/Ron Rempel, CDFG