

# **Implementation of Bioregional Plans**

## **A Proposal for 2-Levels of Cooperation**

# Cooperating NECO Agencies Meeting on September 15

- Overview for new NECO BLM Managers
- Refresher: CDFG, USMC, DMG
- “How to Use NECO” primer for Biologists
- **Post-ROD Cooperation discussed**
  - ◆ Implementation Status
  - ◆ **Need for Cooperators Meetings**

# 6 Bioregional Plans - Status

- All are/almost completed
- Need to move out on Implementation

# Bioregional Plans

## Decisions and Commitments

- Public Lands Health
- Listed & Unlisted Species & Habitats
- Livestock Grazing & Burros
- Other Managed Uses
- Routes of Travel
- Land Tenure
- Public Education
- Monitoring
- **Include commitment for continued Cooperation**

# Importance of Cooperation in Implementation

- Values/Decisions cross # Agencies
- Achieves all Agencies' Mandates
- Supports Budget Process
- Supports CDCA Consistency
- Better addresses Lawsuits
- Includes Governments & NGOs
- NGOs are still stakeholders, will volunteer

# Proposal: Greater CDCA Cooperative Management for Implementation

2 Levels of Cooperation for Maximum  
Efficiency & Effectiveness:

- ◆ Bioregions: each with a unique group
- ◆ CDCA: Desert Managers Group

# Cooperation at Bioregion Level

- Scope: Implementation, process, budget, priorities, etc. specific to Bioregions
- Informal - Agencies & NGOs work together as much as possible
- Agencies represented at DMG, too
- NGOs primarily involved at this level
- Work not to conflict with agencies mandates, authorities, daily affairs, FACA (= DMG)
- Elevates CDCA-wide issues to DMG
- Relieves DMG of work focus on the routine
- Regular progress reports

# Cooperation at DMG Level

- Scope: similar to Bioregion but CDCA-wide
- Formal – already chartered
- Agencies in 1 or more Bioregions
- NGOs involvement is ad hoc, only
- Agenda is primarily bottom-up from Bioregions
- Relieves Bioregions of non-routine/CDCA-scope work
- Reduces problem solving workload for Bioregions
- Top-down for solutions, priorities, funding CDCA-wide in scope. Is Proactive on high-priority funding needs
- DMG may invite ad hoc Bioregion support
- Regular progress reports

