

Mojave Ground Squirrel Partnership Workgroup Update



Update

- ◆ Goal, objectives and tasks have been completed and agreed to by the group
- ◆ The Conservation Strategy format has been approved and finalized

Update Cont.

- ◆ Working on pulling together existing information to fill in sections of the Conservation Strategy.
- ◆ Writing assignments were given for some of the segments

Update Cont.

- ◆ A letter will be going out to the Cities to let them know about this working group, what we are working on and see if they have concerns or might be interested in participating.

Conservation Strategy Format

- ◆ **Executive Summary**
- ◆ **Preface**
- ◆ **Overview**
- ◆ Species Description
- ◆ Threats
- ◆ Listing History
- ◆ Summary of current Management Actions

Conservation Strategy Format

- ◆ **Conservation Strategy**
 - ◆ Overview and Purpose
 - ◆ Overall goal
 - ◆ Conservation Objectives
 - ◆ Conservation Measure
 - ◆ Habitat Management
- 

Conservation Strategy Format

- ◆ Mitigation
- ◆ Compensation
- ◆ Monitoring Program
- ◆ Restorative Measures
- ◆ Implementation Schedule
- ◆ **Literature Cited**
- ◆ **Appendices**

MGS Workshop Update

- ◆ CSU Stanislaus-Endanger Species Recovery Program (ESRP) to head up workshop
- ◆ Develop statistically valid method to determine occupancy, population status/trends

MGS Workshop Update

- ◆ Proposed dates are October 3-4 or October 10-11
- ◆ Possible location Barstow, San Jose, Turlock
- ◆ ERSP and Defenders of Wildlife have been contacting potential workshop participants

Workshop Attendees

- ◆ MGS and other squirrel/ small mammal biologists (3-4)
- ◆ Conservation Planning Experts (3-4)
- ◆ Mojave Desert ecology, vegetation, and spatial experts (3)
- ◆ Sampling/ Population Modeling Experts (3-4) Workshop: 12-15 + facilitator



Funding

- ◆ Ft. Irwin
- ◆ ESRP has submitted for grant funding from the from the EPA
- ◆ Waiting to hear about BLM funding
- ◆ CDFG
- ◆ Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee