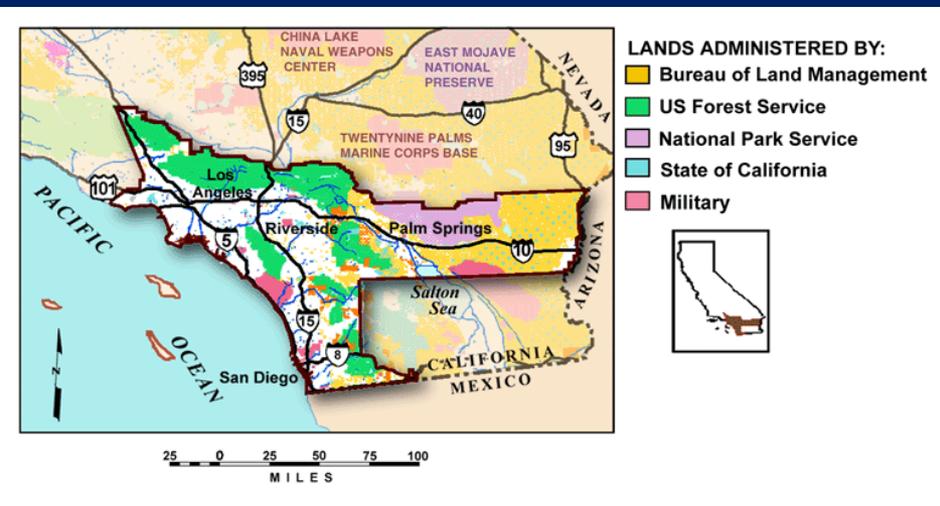


# PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE

Bureau of Land Management  
California Desert District



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- Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office (PSSC) is part of California Desert District.
- PSSC includes all or part of five Southern California Counties.
- PSSC covers nearly 1.7 million acres of public lands.
- 1.5 million acres in the California Desert Conservation Area.
- 137,000 acres in South Coast Resource Area.

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- The PSSC Field Office encompasses an area with over 20 million residents.
- The “Inland Empire” is one of the fastest growing regions in the United States.
- Southern California has the highest “biodiversity” of any region of the United States.
- Managing biological resources and diverse uses of public lands through Cooperative Conservation and Partnerships are the focus of the PSSC.

# PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE STAFFING



- 59 PFT Positions on TO
- Currently 48 PFT Staff in Field Office
- 1 Contract GIS Specialist
- 4 ECO Employees
- 1 SCA Botanist
- 1 SCA Desert Restoration Crew
- Seasonal Fire Staffing
- Over 100 volunteers



# PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE RESOURCES



- Diverse Geography:
  - Colorado and Mojave Deserts
  - Coastal and inland valleys
  - Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains
  - US-Mexico Border region
- Highest Biological Diversity in US:
  - Over 300 “sensitive species”
  - 24 listed T&E species

# PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE SPECIAL AREAS AND RECREATION



- Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument
- 19 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (11 ACEC's in CDCA, 8 ACEC's in South Coast)
- 11 Wilderness Areas (10 CDCA, 1 South Coast)
- 3 Wilderness Study Areas
- 1 Campground (Corn springs)
- 2 Long Term Visitor Areas (Mule Mountains and Midland)
- 3 Preserves/Day Use Areas (Big Morongo, Coachella Valley, Dos Palmas)
- National Monument Visitor Center

# PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE FIRE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING



- Fire Staff:
  - Fire Management Officer
  - 2 Fire Mitigation Specialists
  - Fuels Reduction Crew
  - Pinyon Fire Station
  - Black Rock Fire Station
- South Coast fuel reduction permit program
- Community Fuel Breaks
- International Fuel Break
- Fuel Reduction programs

# PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT



- 11 LE Ranger Positions  
(1 Vacant)
- 3 Remote Duty Stations:  
Blythe, Temecula, San Diego
- Major Law Enforcement  
Issues:  
OHV and Recreation  
Dumping and HAZMAT  
Minerals and Lands Trespass  
Border Security and Immigration  
Local, State, and Federal LE  
Cooperation

# PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE PARTNERSHIPS

## Examples

- Habitat Conservation Planning:

San Diego MSCP

Western Riverside Co. MSHCP

Coachella Valley MSHCP

US Fish and Wildlife Service

Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game

Center for Natural Lands Mgmt.

Friends of Desert Mountains

San Diego Assn. of Governments  
(SANDAG)

- Santa Rosa and San Jacinto  
Mountains National  
Monument:

US Forest Service

Calif. Dept. of Parks and Recreation

Agua Caliente Band Cahuilla Indians

Coachella Valley Assn. of  
Governments (CVAG)

University of California, Riverside

City of Palm Desert

Coachella Valley Mountains  
Conservancy



# PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE MAJOR ISSUES AND PROJECTS



- Habitat Conservation Planning
- Land Use Planning
- Land Acquisition & Donations
- Energy Transmission ROW's
- Wind Energy Permitting
- Wilderness
- OHV Management
- Desert Restoration
- Coachella Canal Lining Mitigation
- Coachella Valley MSHCP Trails Plan
- US/Mexico Border Lands Management, Border Security, and Cross-Border Conservation Initiatives
- Minerals Management (Including Minerals Trespass)