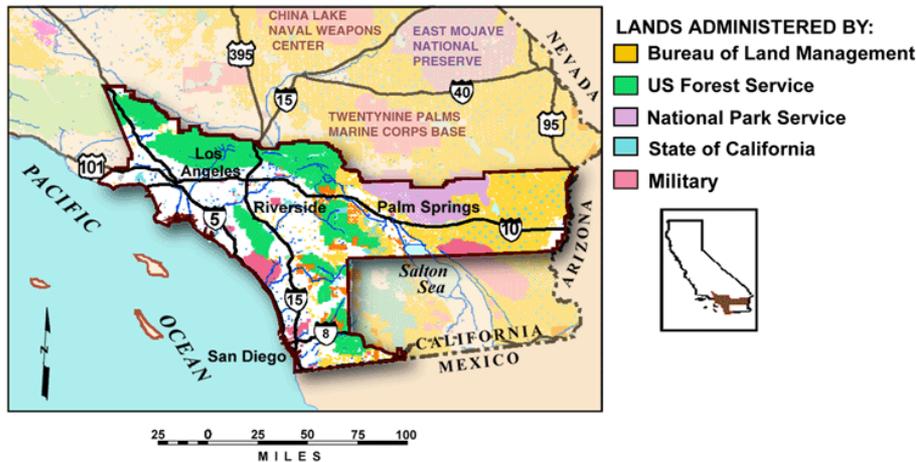


PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE

Bureau of Land Management
California Desert District

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- PSSC includes all or part of four 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.
- Area is among the highest “biodiversity” regions in the United States.
- We manage 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



- 71 Positions (63 PFT)
 - 4 Monument
 - 10 LE Rangers
 - 23 Fire (5 seasonal)
 - 15 Lands, minerals and recreation
 - 11 Resources
 - 4 Administration
 - 2 Management
- Over 100 volunteers
- Contract staff: biologist, archaeologist, fuels, renewable energy etc.

PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE FIRE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING



- Fire Staff:
 - Fire Management Officer
 - 7 Fuels & Fire Mitigation Specialists
 - Pinyon Fire Station
 - Morongo Valley Station
- South Coast education and fuel reduction program
 - Fire Safe Councils
 - Fuel reduction permits
 - Construction/maintenance of fuel breaks

PALM SPRINGS-SOUTH COAST FIELD OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT



- 10 LE Ranger Positions
- 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
 - Variety of Urban Interface Issues

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 with Visitor Center
- 19 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (11 ACEC's in CDCA, 8 ACEC's in South Coast)
- 12 Wilderness Areas (10 CDCA, 2 South Coast)
- 3 Wilderness Study Areas
- 1 Campground (Corn springs)
- 2 Long Term Visitor Areas (Mule Mountains and Midland)
- 3 Preserves (Big Morongo, Coachella Valley, Dos Palmas)

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

Coachella Valley Assoc. Governments

- 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



- Energy & Transmission Projects
- Habitat Conservation Planning/Management
- Land Use Planning
- Land Acquisition & Donations
- Wind Energy
- Wilderness
- OHV Management
- Desert Restoration
- Preserve Management
- Coachella Valley MSHCP Trails Plan
- US/Mexico Border Lands Management, Border Security, and Cross-Border Conservation Initiatives
- Minerals Management
- Recreation

