

## Habitat Restoration Accomplishments

**Goal 1.1** Established an ad hoc workgroup to explore landscape-based restoration in the San Felipe Creek-San Sebastian Marsh watershed of Anza-Borrego State Park and El Centro Field Office. Tasks and stakeholders have been identified.

**Issues:** Need to complete project's FY03 work plan, which is still in draft. Are involved agencies willing to make this a priority and put staff time into it?

**Goal 1.2** Established contacts with restoration specialist within almost all of the DMG partner agencies. Reestablish the restoration email list as a communication forum among workgroup members.

**Goal 1.3** Initiate planning for a DMG sponsored restoration conference. The conference will be held in Palm Springs March 3-7, 2003. Please visit <http://www.dmg.gov/conference.html> for a schedule and agenda for the conference. The conference will include a session focused on the USGS Recoverability and Vulnerability of Desert Ecosystems (RVDE) project. Financial sponsors include, Edwards AFB, NPS, and USGS. BLM and MDEP are planning and organizing the event on behalf of the DMG.

**Goal 1.4** The Mojave Weed Management Area (MWMA) MOU was signed thus establishing the MWMA.

**Issues:** The MWMA needs to develop a strategic plan. Russell, John, and Jane Rodgers have volunteered to help with this.

### Additional Accomplishments

- ✓ Initiate discussions with stakeholders to conduct landscape-based restoration in the Mojave River and Amargosa River watersheds.
- ✓ Become involved in the USGS RVDE review process. Establish an ad hoc workgroup to provide oversight to DMG RVDE. Host a workshop between the RVDE scientist and resource specialists from various DMG partners.

Issue: Need manager support for resource specialists to addend the workshop December 9 and 10 at BLM's Riverside office. Would like at least one manager from BLM and NPS to participate.