

Raven Management EA Preparation Schedule

ACTION	TARGET DATE
Agencies meet to begin EA	April 8
All agencies provide requested background materials and mailing lists to Amy	April 16
FWS (Amy) delivers draft public involvement letter for agency review/comment. DMG reviews letter in April Mtg.	April 16
Agencies provide feedback on public involvement letter to FWS (Amy) for revisions.	April 30
FWS (who?) issues public involvement letter. Allows 4 weeks for public comment	May 3-7
Consultation with Tribal Leaders Initiated	May 3-7
FWS (Amy) delivers preliminary draft Purpose and Need statement and alternatives description to members of the workgroup for their agency review and comment.	May 7
Agencies (workgroup members) provide FWS (Amy) with feedback on Purpose and Need and Alternatives	May 21
“Final” Purpose/Need/Alternative Sections to Workgroup	May 28
Interagency meeting in Moreno Valley	June 4: 0900-1500
Workgroup Members provide their draft sections to Amy	June 25
FWS (Amy) provides preliminary Draft EA to workgroup	July 7
Agencies/workgroup members provide comments to FWS (Amy) on Draft EA	August 8
Interagency meeting in Moreno Valley	mid August? If needed.
FWS (who?) issues Draft EA to public (30 day comment period)	September, first week
Public Comment Period Closed	First week of October
FWS (who?) conducts informal consultation on effects on desert tortoise	October
Public Comments Compiled and sent to workgroup for review Revised EA to agencies	Mid October (maybe later if lots of comments)
Interagency Meeting in Moreno Valley BLM: Agencies assist FWS with responses to comments. Agencies review EA and draft Decision.	Early November
Revised EA, w/ Comments, draft decision for internal review	Early December
FWS prepares final EA and final decision, other agencies prepare their own decision documents	Mid December
Lead (and cooperating) agencies sign and issue final decision to public	Mid January

Raven Management EA Team Organization and Responsibilities

The NEPA lead will be Amy Fesnock, Joshua Tree Ecologist, 760-367-5578, amy_fesnock@nps.gov

The Interdisciplinary Writing Team will be the following:

Compiler/Editor	Amy Fesnock	NPS
Wildlife (Raven)	??? (from Mickey)	NTC
Wildlife (Tortoise/other wildlife)	Brent Husung	DOD
Wilderness	Chris Roholt	BLM
Waste	John Key	BLM
Native American Concerns	Joan Oxendine	BLM
GIS	Al Stein	BLM
NEPA Review, socioeconomics, urban environment/resources	Shannon Hebert	APHIS-WS

Bill Boarman will be writing monitoring plan to evaluate the impacts of the proposed action alternative on ravens and DT

Administrative support (e.g., maintaining mailing lists, reproducing documents, mailing document, maintaining and admin record) will be performed by Amy Fesnock and Clarence Everly.

Each cooperating Agency will assign an individual to serve as the agency to contact to

- 1) respond to specific requests for information from the interdisciplinary writing team
- 2) coordinate agency review an document on the draft document
- 3) to respond to public comments as assigned