

DMG Meeting 18 – 19 Jan. 2006  
Palm Springs

- 1.0 Chris Hays replaces Glenn Black
- 2.0 Gale overview of Palm Springs Field Office
- 3.0 Desert Tortoise Implementation Planning Work Group
  - 3.1 Working with SAC focusing on reviewing and revising recovery criteria
  - 3.2 Draft criteria due out before next work group meeting
  - 3.3 Working with Institute of Env. Conflict resolution – developed scope of work to manage the work group/recovery planning process
  - 3.4 In process of completing intergovernmental agreement for support
  - 3.5 Institute will do stakeholder assessment for all states but CA.
  - 3.6 FWS will hire independent neutral third party to do CA.
  - 3.7 Stakeholder assessment designed to get all issues on the table
  - 3.8 Designed to determine whether collaborative regional recovery process is feasible
  - 3.9 Assessments complete by May
  - 3.10 Planning process and implementation recovery actions completed by end of 2006
  - 3.11 First week of March is target for next work group meeting
  - 3.12 Recovery criteria will be sent out to a broad group, including managers, for review
  - 3.13 Roy will provide full institute SOW for those that contact him
- 4.0 DT Monitoring Update
  - 4.1 2001-2005 LDS report is proceeding
  - 4.2 data review is still ongoing, data quality still an issue
  - 4.3 preliminary 2001 and 2004 results distributed
  - 4.4 draft report due out end of Jan 06 or early feb
  - 4.5 is email distribution of these documents working – yes
  - 4.6 2006 monitoring – will not be done due to fact of still pulling together and analyzing first 5 years of data
  - 4.7 2006 will focus on analysis of data
  - 4.8 2006 will evaluate the range wide monitoring program in its entirety
  - 4.9 DTRO created monitoring coordinator position to oversee all monitoring efforts
  - 4.10 Following assessment provide output on what revised process is for implementation on 2007
  - 4.11 DTMIC group will expand to include Manager reps to create closer tie to what monitoring program is doing and what on the ground needs are
  - 4.12 Check with managers on who wants to participate (read FWS memo for requirements)

- 4.13 DTMIC mtg schedule
- 4.14 Density is square KM
- 4.15 Will they look at rainfall patterns in conjunction with detailed analysis
  
- 5.0 Stakeholder Input – none
  
- 6.0 DTI&E – get presentation
  - 6.1 06 grant on commission consent list – slotted for 46,750
  - 6.2 NFWF funding – scheduled for 68 K, 30 K to date
  - 6.3 First phase of attitude survey funded out of NFWF
  - 6.4 Applied for grant from riverside community fund
  - 6.5 Also receive 1K from JTNP assoc.
  - 6.6 Attended calif. Science teachers conf.
  - 6.7 Conducted tortoise field trip to park
  - 6.8 Mojave max ad distributed
  - 6.9 Working with NV Mojave max to mod website to include calif. Contestants
  - 6.10 Working on developing trunks for teachers to use in classroom
  - 6.11 3 psas released
  - 6.12 need managers to provide list of people they want to receive the newsletter
  - 6.13 contract ready to be issued for attitude survey; should be issued end of jan early feb
  - 6.14 need status of domain names in .gov and .ca.gov
  - 6.15 next meeting feb 22 in Barstow
  - 6.16 need coordination between DTI&E and DTRO for quality of data and info
  
- 7.0 Raven EA
  - 7.1 Robert McMorran new lead for FWS
  - 7.2 FWS office reorganized also
  - 7.3 Currently reviewing and organizing files and compiling the admin record
  - 7.4 Reviewing scoping letters – found unaddressed issues from public
  - 7.5 Still waiting on sections of EA from work group
  - 7.6 Researching past raven management efforts
  - 7.7 FWS MBTA does not see problem with EA at this time
  - 7.8 Two raven studies recently completed and under review by FWS
  - 7.9 Scheduling work group meeting in next two weeks
  - 7.10 Confirming work group members
  - 7.11 Compiling list of implementation activities
  
- 8.0 Wind Energy
  - 8.1 Next mgt feb 23 1000-1400 at blm cdd office
  - 8.2 See presentation
  - 8.3 Projects should be referred to the wind work group for detailed deconfliction
  - 8.4 West wide energy corridor programmatic PEIS (see slides)

- 8.5 CA state parks
  - 8.6 Development of large wind farms create islands of biodiversity on federal properties especially dod installations; this becomes an encroachment impact overall
  - 8.7 Is there something the DMG wants to do to keep track of and be aware of ongoing efforts not only in wind energy but all energy forms and transmission corridors
  - 8.8 Is there something to add to the 5 year plan in this regard
- 9.0 Stakeholder comments – none.

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- 1.0 Follow-up discussion – none
- 2.0 Hazmat work group –
  - 2.1 Dump database briefing paper
  - 2.2 Kern county/Ridgecrest/Barstow BLM work to develop the database and interfaces then bring back for Demo to the group
  - 2.3 Can we get the OHV and other groups to help in reporting dumps via the internet
  - 2.4 Mike Hamilton – can we set up an 800 number to report dump sites must be simple and easy
  - 2.5 Gale – if it was developed and it was easy then we may be able to use it once it is set up
  - 2.6 IDEW workshop – 25 people already registered
  - 2.7 Kern county lead on the project
  - 2.8 Free; lunch will be provided
  - 2.9 Online registration – link to DMG website main page
  - 2.10 Announcement forth coming with emails and flyers
- 3.0 Habitat restoration
  - 3.1 Low desert WMA – final draft MOU completed; over half of participants have signed the MOU
  - 3.2 Russell working on adding the WMA to the statewide WMA list to start getting benefits for the group
  - 3.3 Had first regular meeting prior to holidays
  - 3.4 Next step is to start developing a strategic plan for the group
  - 3.5 Russ send out date for the next LWMA
  - 3.6 Russ put in grant funding status
  - 3.7 Database of restoration projects – Leslie Defalco USGS is lead; developing protocols to quantitatively describe disturbed sites for

restoration; using PSPs to assess restoration techniques success; will develop one database from these projects

#### 4.0 Roadside rest areas

- 4.1 See presentation
- 4.2 Funding problems – bids in at 9M, only 6M available
- 4.3 OHV groups concerned about trash containers – they have been doing research on types; caltrans aware; issue is long term maintenance
- 4.4 Final maintenance agreement will need to be developed addressing maintenance of exhibits

#### 5.0 Pacrat report

- 5.1 MDHRGIS update
- 5.2 BLM developing a complimentary system that will interface with the state system

#### 6.0 Mojave Ground Squirrel

- 6.1 See slides
- 6.2 (habitat improvement project) Fort Irwin doing restoration work with preferred mgs plants
- 6.3 Eafb is doing literature search and publication
- 6.4 Develop a ground squirrel work plan

#### 7.0 Free roaming dog

- 7.1 Continuing to work on report
- 7.2 Meeting with S.B. county animal control
- 7.3 See presentation

#### 8.0 Southwestern Willow Flycatcher

#### 9.0 5 Year Plan

- 9.1 05 accomplishments
  - 9.1.1 expanded membership to include counties BIA and others
  - 9.1.2 requested and received XXXX \$ in grant funding for FY05 to accomplish DMG goals and objectives
  - 9.1.3 DOE and DOD part of Amargosa summit stuff

#### 10.0 Next meetings

- 10.1 26-27 July big bear for summer meeting Forest Service Host

11.0 Roundtable

- 11.1 FWS issued programmatic tortoise BO to DOT and Caltrans
- 11.2 FWS going through programmatic review of sensitive species-two eureka dunes plants and inyo towhee over next year
- 11.3 West Mojave BO out
- 11.4 March 18 opening of kelso depot
- 11.5 Amargosa summit mtg dates –
- 11.6 DAC mtg Borrego Springs Casa Del Zoro 27 and 28 jan.
- 11.7 Land expansion in public record tomorrow
- 11.8