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DMG Conservation Land Acquisition Working Group

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CLAWG White Paper



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- *Team developed living document for DMG*
- *Identifies/outlines agency/NGO land acquisition programs and opportunities*
- *Identifies funding and other opportunities*
- *Highlights issues and constraints/problems in executing regional acquisitions*
- *Shares lessons learned from acquisition efforts with other team members*
- *Current iteration completed spring 2010*



Land Acquisition Update



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- *Multiple land acquisition efforts in region by different federal, state and conservation organizations*
- *CLAWG keeps stakeholders aware of each others efforts--averts two parties inadvertently going after same parcels*
- *Some examples of ongoing efforts:*
 - *Transition Habitat Conservancy acquiring lands south of Edwards AFB in the vicinity of the San Bernardino National Forest*
 - *National Park Service is purchasing land in Joshua Tree Natl Park around and within its borders*
 - *The Nature Conservancy (TNC) looking to acquire lands in Amargosa*
 - *Edwards AFB and China Lake are jointly acquiring lands with TNC via REPI in the Black Mountain Supersonic and Rough One Corridors-- Edwards is also acquiring lands with Conservation Resources in the Hawes Field Operating Area*
 - *Cal Trans needs and is seeking to acquire mitigation lands*
 - *Ft Irwin expansion of 100K acres nearing completion*



Need for Connectivity



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- *Connectivity is CLAWG's basis for working together regionally to acquire lands*
 - *Establishment of connectivity between installations, parks and wildlife areas based on species migration linkages--can overlay DoD mission areas to show common impacts*
 - *Currently have limited species data--better data would enable us to see species concentrations and connect these areas to form corridors/linkages*



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- *Web (<https://www.dmg.gov/website/dmg/>)/GIS-based tool consolidates region's habitat, military mission data from all CLAWG stakeholders onto one map*
- *Web-based; login required--limits access to sensitive acquisition data to CLAWG members via coordination with Mojave Desert Ecosystem Program staff for password*
- *Map has numerous data layers, but many more needed to complete regional picture--a number of sensitive species not in map that should be*
 - *Species must be added as layers to our CLAWG GIS map to show connectivity between region's military installations, parks and wildlife areas.*
- *Used map's species data for Mohave Ground Squirrel 90-day response*



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DMG CLAWG Interactive Map
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Current Action: Move Map

Overview Map

Map Layers

Death Valley

Las Vegas

Bakersfield

Ridgecrest

Kingman

Barstow

Lancaster

Needles

Victorville

Amboy

Los Angeles

San Bernardino

Riverside

Parker

100 km

50 mi

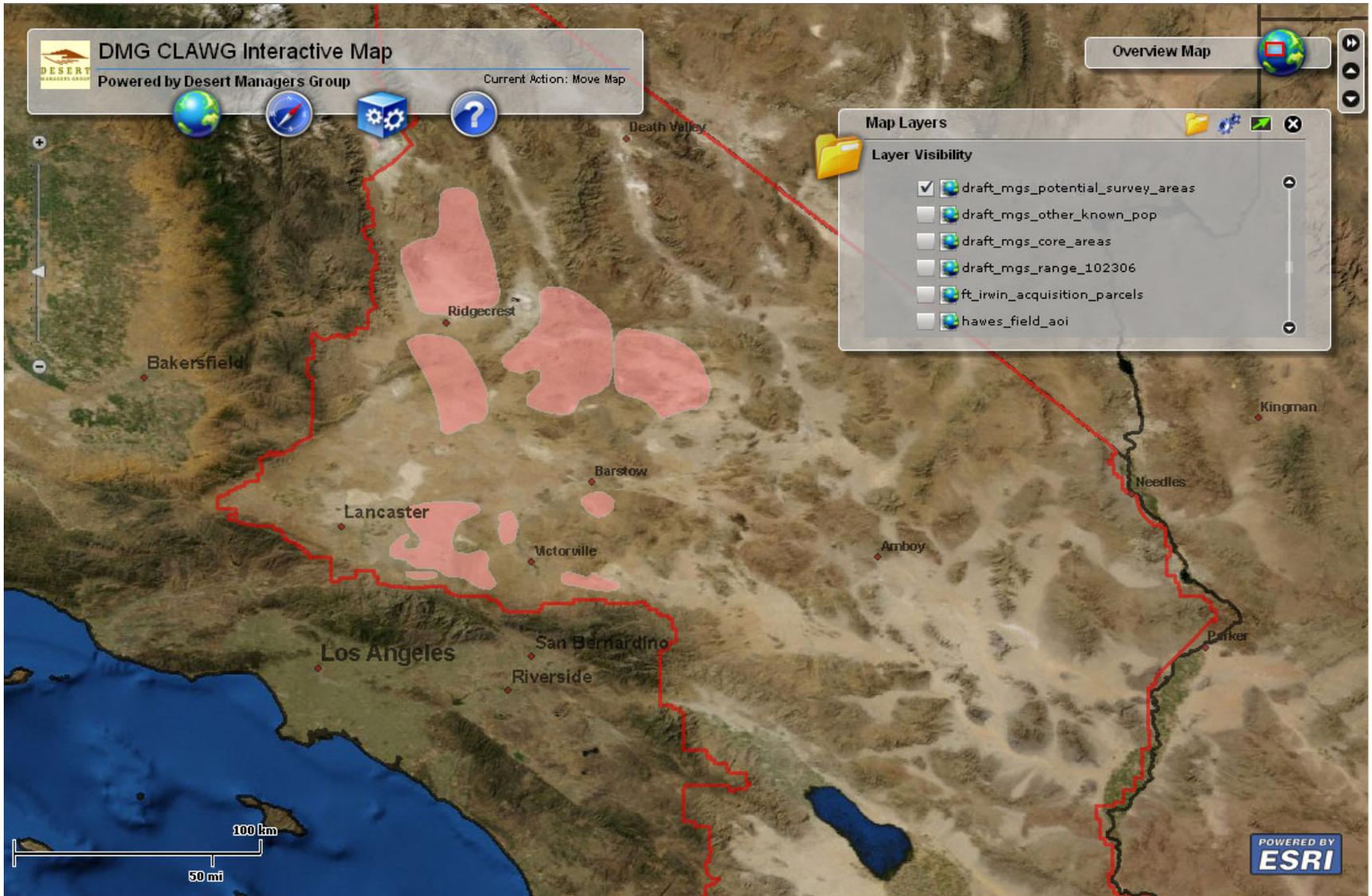
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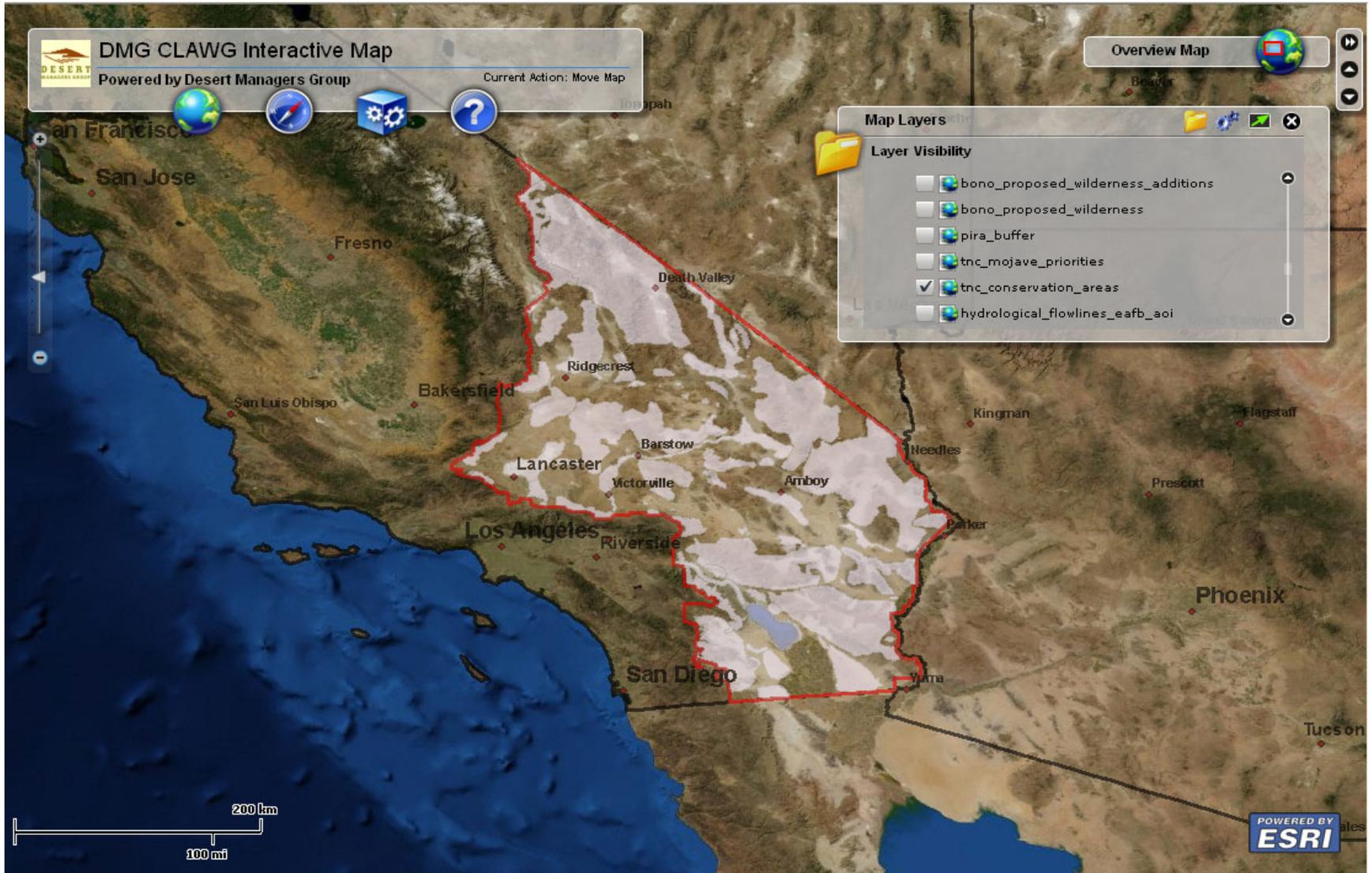




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Energy Development



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- *Numerous green power initiatives are planned for the region--BLM efforts are what we predominately hear about*
 - *The BLM proposals are only a piece of the puzzle--does not address proposals submitted to cities & counties.*
 - *Single most prominent threat to regional habitats/habitat migration corridors and military mission areas*