

Mohave Ground Squirrel Workshop



MOJAVE DESERT

ECOSYSTEM PROGRAM



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DoD Legacy Funded MGS Workshop

- ◆ **Timing** – looking at February 2012 time frame
- ◆ **Participants** – small number of invited participants (DoD installations, Federal agencies, State and Local organizations, Researchers, other stakeholders)
- ◆ **Location** – Local, possibly at the Mojave Desert Preserve office in Barstow
- ◆ **Duration** – ~ 3 day facilitated workshop
- ◆ **Agenda** – draft is being worked on by small committee to distribute to other stakeholders to get input for final agenda

Funding Use

- ◆ A facilitator to lead group discussions
 - ◆ Travel expenses for participants
 - ◆ Honoraria for invited speakers
 - ◆ To develop summary and technical reports
 - ◆ Misc. expenses
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Objectives/Goals

- ◆ Review and summarize the current literature for MGS and other ground squirrel species
- ◆ Bring together stakeholders/recognized experts on ground squirrels to discuss the conservation strategy for MGS
- ◆ Identify important gaps in knowledge, research needs, or survey/monitoring requirements
- ◆ Discuss ways to improve the effectiveness of survey and monitoring protocols for MGS
- ◆ Make recommendations for standardized survey protocols to detect MGS and monitor their annual population trends that are statistically rigorous and biologically relevant
- ◆ Incorporate workshop findings into the conservation strategy for MGS

Products

- ◆ White paper to summarize the goals and objectives of the workshop
- ◆ Produce a summary report that highlights workshop findings
- ◆ Produce a technical report that details workshop findings and discusses how the information fits into the overall conservation strategy for the MGS
- ◆ Distribute workshop information to natural resource managers, regulators, researchers, and other interested parties involved in conservation of MGS through website postings (MDEP, DMG, etc.)