



**Agenda**  
**DESERT MANAGERS GROUP MEETING**  
**June 11-12, 2003**  
**Northwoods Resort, Big Bear, CA**

**June 11, 2003**

- 9:00 am        Introductions and Review/Modify agenda (Copenhagen)
- 9:15 am        Welcome and Overview of San Bernardino NF Resources/Activities  
                  (Copenhagen)
- 9:45 am        California Wild Heritage Act (Alton Garrett and Tom Bohigian, Office  
                  of Senator Barbara Boxer)
- 11:00 am        Break
- 11:15 am        PACRAT Report(Bryson/Kaldenberg)
- Update
  - Future plans/activities
- 11:45 am        Hazmat Work Group Report (Key/Brown)
- Dump prevention plan
  - Work group update
- 12:15 pm        Lunch
- 1:00 pm        Field Trip - Cactus Flats and Mitsubishi Mine (attached)
- 5:30 pm        Social event/Dinner - Stillwell's Restaurant, Northwoods Resort

**June 12 , 2003**

- 8:00 am        Welcome and announcements (Copenhagen)
- 8:10 am        Desert Tortoise Recovery plan review - process, timeframe,  
                  preliminary results (Williams/Tracy)
- 8:45 am        DT Monitoring Update (Medica)
- FY 03 preliminary results
  - FY 01 and 02 annual reports status
- 9:00 am        Monitoring Workshop-status/next steps (Williams)
- 9:15 am        Tortoise Disease Report-status/next steps (Jones)
- 9:30 am        Education and Outreach Plan -status and next steps (Sanchez/Zarki)

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Effectiveness Monitoring - status and next steps (Kenna)

10:45 am Raven Management Plan - status and next steps (Bransfield)

11:20 am Feral Dog Management - status and next steps (Jones)

11:30 am DMG Members Only Session overview (Hamill)

11:40 am Public Comment

12:15 Lunch

1:15 pm **DMG Members Only Session:** Desert Tortoise Recovery Implementation/Budget Strategies (Hamill/Everly)

2:15 pm **DMG Open Session Reconvenes:** Californiadesert.gov (Everly/Hamill)

- Response to request for input to Californiadesert.gov
- Next steps

2:30 pm Research database and Mojave Desert Science Symposium (Hughson)

2:45 pm Habitat Restoration Report (Scofield)

- San Sebastian Marsh/Watershed (Scofield/Thomsen/Van Cleve)
- Amargosa River (Read)
- other

3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm Burro Management

- Update and Future Role of DMG in Burro Management (Hamill/Sjaastad)

3:30 pm DMG Roundtable reports (Group)

4:15 pm Next Meetings

- October 7-8, 2003, Death Valley, CA Host: J.T. Reynolds
- Winter Meeting, location/host to be determined

4:20 pm Adjourn

**Desert Managers Group Fieldtrip**  
**Wednesday, June 11, 2003**  
**1:00-5:00 pm**

**Where:** Meet at the Discovery Center for Lunch and to group into vehicles

**What to Bring:** a high-clearance multi-passenger vehicle if possible, hat, water (we will also bring along an ice chest with cold bottled water to share), sunscreen, and hiking boots or rugged walking shoes. We won't stray far from vehicles, but we'll likely walk a bit in rugged terrain. Binoculars are always nice to have along if you are so inclined.

**What we'll see:** The trip will focus on a highly diverse area that supports many species that occur nowhere else in the world. Superimposed on this diverse landscape is heavy public recreational use and, on the north-slope, large-scale limestone mining. The trip will take us across the mountain-to-desert transition from 7000 feet at Big Bear to near 4000' at the desert base of the San Bernardino Mountains. We will see pebble plain and carbonate habitats, which support plant species that grow nowhere else in the world, Nelson's bighorn sheep habitat, popular Forest recreation areas, an OHV use area, historic gold mining areas, and the limestone-mining operations. Forest Service management challenges, opportunities, and solutions will be discussed along the way.