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DMG 05-10

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Marion Ashley, Chair
County Administrative Center
4080 Lemon Street - 5th Floor
Riverside, CA 92501

Subject: Invitation to Join the Desert Managers Group (DMG)

Dear Supervisor Ashley:

The Desert Mangers Group (DMG) is a forum for government agencies to work together to conserve and enhance the California deserts for current and future generations. Current members of the DMG include the Department of the Interior (Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Geological Survey, and National Park Service), Department of Defense (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps), the State of California (Caltrans, Department of Parks and Recreation, and Department of Fish and Game) and the US Forest Service. The DMG Charter and 5 Year Plan are attached.

The DMG recently received requests from Kern, San Bernardino and Imperial counties to become members of the DMG (attached). At its January 13, 2005 meeting, the DMG agreed by consensus to invite all the counties in the California deserts (Kern, San Bernardino, Riverside, Los Angeles, Inyo, Imperial and San Diego) to become members of the DMG. Accordingly, we are writing to determine if your county would like to join the DMG. The conditions of membership require a letter or resolution from the County Board of Supervisors committing the County to participate in and carry out the mission of the DMG as provided for in the June 2000 DMG Charter. Each County will also be expected to be a signatory to a new/updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Charter that will be revised and executed later this year.

As provided for in the Charter, the DMG is composed of agency managers with direct authority for land and resource management in the California deserts. Should you elect to participate in the

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DMG, your letter or resolution should also identify an elected County Supervisor to serve on the DMG who can speak for and make commitments on behalf of the County.

Please contact us (Clarence Everly 760-256-7033/John Hamill 760-252-6108) with any questions you have about the DMG or the DMG's invitation to become a member. Additional information about the DMG is also available at www.dmg.gov. The next DMG meeting is scheduled for April 27-28, 2005 in Ridgecrest, California.

Sincerely,

John Hamill
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Department of the Interior

Clarence Everly
DMG Coordinator
Department of Defense

Attachments (5)

cc Desert Managers Group
Mike Pool, CA State Director, Bureau of Land Management
Steve Thompson, CA/NV Operations Manager, Fish and Wildlife Service
Jon Jarvis, Regional Director, National Park Service
Wes Ward, Regional Geologist, Geological Survey

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