

December 4, 2000

Memorandum

To: Desert Managers Group

From: John Hamill, Executive Coordinator, California Desert Management Project, Department of the Interior

Subject: Priority habitat restoration and dump clean-up sites

The Bureau of Land Management was provided \$1.2M for implementing several DMG projects in FY 01, including:

- \$200,000 for Upland and Riparian Habitat restoration
- \$200,000 for illegal dump clean-up and prevention

BLM has committed to expending these funds in a manner that is consistent with the collaborative spirit of the DMG and the work plans that were used to justify the funds. It has been suggested that approximately \$125,000 of these funds will be available for illegal dump clean-up, and \$125,000 will be available for restoring degraded upland/riparian habitat sites in FY 01. The balance of the project funds will be used to hire a coordinator for the programs and for prevention/education efforts. The funds should be available by January 1, 2001.

Each DMG office is invited to nominate by January 5, 2001 up to three priority dumps sites and three upland/riparian restoration sites. Nominations for illegal dump clean-up should follow the format in Attachment A; nominations for upland/riparian habitat sites should follow the format outlined in Attachment B. **Cooperative/joint proposals that involve or benefit several DMG offices are strongly encouraged.**

Nominations sent to me by January 5 will be forwarded to the Desert Lands Restoration Work Group and the Hazmat Work Group, as appropriate. The Work Groups will meet in early-mid January to review the nominations and identify the top candidates for potential funding based on factors such as:

- amount of matching funds available for the project
- public health or environmental threat

- ability to complete the project in a timely manner participants
- degree of urgency to complete the project this year
- public interest/visibility of the project

In addition to the information requested in attachment A and B, you are encouraged to submit information documenting how each proposed project meets these and other factors you think are important. In kind services (equipment, personnel, etc) and cash contributions of other agencies/partners should be identified.

You or your representative will be invited to attend the Work Group meeting to answer questions about your nomination. A more detailed project proposal/work plan will be requested for the top candidates and used by the Work Groups to develop its final recommendations, which will be submitted to the DMG by February 15, 2001. The DMG will review the Work Group recommendations at its February 27-28, 2001 meeting and make its recommendation for how the funding should be spent to the BLM District Manager, who will make the final decision.

Thank you for considering this request. Questions about Attachment A and B should be directed to Russell Scofield at 760-365-0955 or Ruth Sparks at 760-380-5202, respectively. If you have other questions or concerns, please contact me at 760-255-8888.

cc Hazmat Work Group  
Desert Lands Restoration Work Group

Attachments (2)

**Attachment A  
Desert Managers Group  
Dump Database Form**



Dump Name:

Agency Case #:

**Land Owner:**

NPS \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 BLM \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 Private \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 Military \_\_\_\_\_ %  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_ %

Specify:

**Location:**

Northing \_\_\_\_\_,  
 Easting \_\_\_\_\_,                      Zone

**Size**

>5 acres  
 1 to 5 acres  
 .1 to 1 acre  
 <.1 acre

**or**

**Volume**

> 300 cubic yards  
 100 to 300 cubic yards  
 50 to 100 cubic yards  
 10 to 50 cubic yards  
 < 10 cubic yards

**Growth Rate**

Frequently active  
 Infrequently active  
 Inactive

**Hazard Class**

Confirmed pollution  
 Suspected or threatened pollution  
 Household waste  
 Oil  
 Inert waste

**Biowaste**

Medical waste  
 Dead animals  
 Sewage or rotting material  
 None

**Asbestos**

Confirmed friable asbestos  
 Confirmed nonfriable asbestos  
 Suspected friable asbestos  
 Suspected nonfriable asbestos  
 None

**Physical Hazards**

Significant fall hazard  
 Slip/trip/fall  
 None

**Point Source Pollution**

Site is in a wash, standing water, or riparian area  
 Within 100 ft. of wash or riparian area or standing water may exist  
 Within 1000 ft of wash or riparian area.  
 Percolation not likely, site does not allow flowing or standing water  
 Contamination to standing water or runoff negligible, or site too small

**Population Location Proximity**

School or Residences within .5 miles  
 School or Residences within 1 miles  
 School or Residences within 2 miles  
 School or Residences within 3 miles  
 School or Residences > 3 miles

**Transient Population**

Site visited frequently by the public  
 Site visited occasionally by the public  
 Site rarely visited by the public  
 Unknown

**Whitegoods** #

**Tires** #

**Vehicles** #

**Furniture or Cumbersome Items** #

**Drums** #

**Ability to Use Equipment in Cleanup**

0 Yes

0 No

**Management Priority**

0 Yes

0 No

**Notice and Orders from LEA**

0 Yes

0 No

**Citizen Complaints**

0 Routine

0 Rarely

0 Never

**Notes:**

**Directions to site:**

**Map / drawing use back:** -----

**Estimated Budget:** (identify costs by equipment, labor, and other(specify); identify inkind/cash contributions by partners or other DMG members).

**Agency Contact:**

Name

Title

Agency/Office

Phone Number

Email

**Data Collected By:** (if different than above)

Name

**Additional information regarding any of the above questions (include item number):**

**Need for Cultural Monitoring**

0 Yes

0 No

**Need for Biological Monitoring**

0 Yes

0 No

**Located in Wilderness**

0 Yes

0 No

**NEPA/CEQA Complete**

0 No

0 In the works

0 Yes

**Funding or Partners**

0 Committed partner or grant to fund 50% or more of cleanup

0 Committed partner or grant to fund less than 50% of cleanup

0 Possible partner or grant

0 No partners or grants available

**Attachment B**

**Upland/ Riparian Habitat Site  
Nomination Form**



Project Site Name:	Work Phone:
Contact Name:	Email Address:

UTM Easting:	Project Location Description:
UTM Northing	

Estimated Acreage:	Proposed Beginning Date:
Estimated Cost:	Projected Completion Date:

Description of work to be done:

<b>Land Ownership (choose one):</b>			
Federal		Private	
State		Multi-jurisdictional	
County		Other	

<b>Type of Disturbance (choose one):</b>			
Mine		Off road vehicles	
Road/trail		Military	
Grazing		Homestead	
Exotic plant species		Dump	
Other			

<b>Landform (choose one):</b>			
Wash		Canyon	
Dunes		Bajada	
Pavement		Spring	
Ridge top		Other	

Soil type (NRCS Soil Series if known):

Vegetation Community:

Current Site Use:

**Please enter “Yes” or “No” in the blank after each question:**

1	Has NEPA/CEQA been completed?	
2	Has NHPA/Section 106 been completed?	
3	Does the site pose a threat to health and safety?	
4	Have there been violations of PM10/air/water quality standards due to conditions at the sites?	
5	Are partnerships available to do the work?	
6	Is the site highly valued by the public?	
7	Is the area in a federally-designated wilderness?	
8	Is the area within a DWMA?	
9	Will any rare/endangered/ threatened species benefit?	
10	Will the project result in the protection of cultural resources?	
11	Does the site include a unique plant community?	
12	Has the cause of disturbance stopped or can it be stopped?	
13	Has there been prior work done at the site?	
14	Is it unlikely that the sites will recover on its own?	
15	Is the soil compacted?	
16	Is there loss of vegetation?	
17	Is there loss of topsoil?	
18	Are GIS data, aerial photos available?	

**Estimated Budget: (identify costs by equipment, labor, and other(specify); identify inkind/cash contributions by partners or other DMG members).**

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