

**MOJAVE DESERT ECOSYSTEM INITIATIVE MEETING
PALEONTOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCE ACTION TEAM (PACRAT)
MEETING**

- **Edwards Air Force Base (AFB), California**

- Environmental Management Building, 8 September 2000

- **AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Barstow Conference (AKA Millennium Conference)
- CHRIS Training
- Site Protection
- Desert Managers Group
- Other Business

- **BARSTOW CONFERENCE (AKA MILLENNIUM CONFERENCE)**

- The conference planning is continuing. Financial support (see attached “Barstow Conference” revised Budget AKA “Ancient Human and Wildlife Journeys in California’s Deserts”) and keynote speakers are continuing to be sought. Several committees have been developed to organize sessions. The tentative list of sessions and their chairpersons are as follows:

Paleontology – Bob Reynolds and David Lawler
History: Military, Mining, Ranching, Recreation, and Ethnic/Gender Contributions – Linda Greene,
Joan Schnieder, and Judyth Reed
Prehistory: “Early Man” – Tim Canaday, Dee Schroth, and Sue Wade
Historical Archaeology – Margaret Hangan and Roger Kelly
Historical Architecture – Open
“Folk History” – Russ Kaldenberg and Blair Davenport
Area Management – Roger Kelly, Russ Kaldenberg, Greg Thomsen, and Clarence Everly
Indian American Sessions – Daniel McCarthy
Cultural Ecology/Environmental Effects - Open

The dates set for the Barstow Conference are 9 May to 12 May 2001. Activities scheduled are as follows:

9 May 2001 – Day sessions and an evening speaker
10 May 2001 – Day sessions and an evening speaker
11 May 2001 – Field Trips, barbecue, and speakers
12 May 2001 – Management Session and early dismissal

- A second call for papers was sent out (see attached Second Call for Papers announcement). Abstracts are due no later than 31 January 2001. It was requested that this announcement be distributed to all local groups and agencies that might be interested.
- The possibility of starting a website for conference information was suggested. Roger Kelly said he would look into this.
- A list of Desert Museums and Tribal Cultural Resource Managers (CRM)-Heritage Specialists was distributed. This list will be used to inform these organizations about becoming co-sponsors, their participation and attendance, and poster session information availability during the event.

- **CHRIS TRAINING**

- The relational database for CHRIS is not fully developed and the training for CHRIS has been pushed back. The training session will cover the use of shapes in reference to Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data and ArcView® GIS.
- A concern was raised as to how CHRIS would affect similar databases being used by other agencies and whether CHRIS would merely duplicate what these agencies are currently using. The CHRIS Hub representatives stated that CHRIS is an umbrella database that is intended to assist the databases currently being used by other agencies.
- It was also noted that the states of Colorado, Arizona, Wyoming, and Nevada are currently using systems similar to CHRIS.

- **SITE PROTECTION**

- Margaret Hangen, El Centro BLM, distributed handouts of a flier currently being used to assist her office in educating the public (see the attached flier “The Minimum-Impact Approach For Enjoying Archaeological Sites). She also distributed handouts of a sign that promotes public assistance in the reporting of illegal activities (see the attached sign “Wanted – Violator Information”).
- It was suggested that PACRAT look into the possibility of creating an 800 number to report illegal activity in regards to cultural resources.

- **DESERT MANAGERS GROUP (DMG)**

- The next DMG meeting will be held on 27-28 September 2000 in San Diego, California. A local meeting will be held 5 and 6 December 2000 in Palm Springs or Twenty-nine Palms, California.
- Copies of the DMG Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Report and 5-year plan were distributed (see Partners for the Desert; Desert Managers Group Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Report; see also California Desert Managers Group 5-Year Plan).
- The DMG representative stated that there did not appear to be any resolution to the Fort Irwin expansion issue. Clarence Everly also stated that there is a reportedly large sum of money in the Army budget for environmental work. However, it was unknown whether any of these funds are intended for cultural work.
- It was recommended to PACRAT that they should continue to keep the DMG abreast of their activities, allowing the DMG the continuing opportunity to support them in financial and other ways.
- The DMG requested a list of issues that different desert groups were working on so that they could better construct their meetings to address these issues.

- **OTHER BUSINESS**

- A copy of the PACRAT Workplan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 was distributed (see attached Paleontology and Cultural Resources Working Group California Desert Managers Group Workplan for FY 2000). Please note that the Desert Managers Group refers to PACRAT as the Paleontology and Cultural Resources Working Group.
- The email address of PACRAT@dmg.gov is a distribution email address for all PACRAT members.
- The next PACRAT meeting is scheduled for 13 to 14 November 2000, with the Route 66 Museum group hosting at Barstow, California.

ATTACHMENTS:

List of attendees at the 8 September PACRAT meeting

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- Mark Campbell, DoD Contractor, Edwards AFB
- Tim Canaday, NPS
- Blair Davenport, NPS
- Kathleen Davis, DoD Contractor, Edwards AFB
- Uyen Doan, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twenty-nine Palms, California
- Clarence Everly, DoD Coordinator
- Gary Garrett, NPS
- Linda Greene, NPS
- John Hamill, DOI
- Margaret Hangan, BLM
- James Hettrick, CHRIS Hub, Redlands, California
- Roscoe Loetzerich, DoD Contractor, Edwards AFB
- Russell Kaldenberg, BLM
- Roger Kelly, NPS
- David Lawler, BLM
- Daniel McCarthy, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service
- Doug Mende, CHRIS Hub, Redlands, California
- John Murray, BLM
- Richard Norwood, BHPO, Edwards AFB
- Wanda Raschkow, BLM
- Judyth Reed, BLM
- John Thomas, California Office of Historic Preservation
- Greg Thomsen, BLM
- Sue Wade, California State Parks and Recreation, Anza-Borrego State Park