

## DLRTF FY 2000 Work Plan Outline

### **Project Summary**

During the first year of this project, a process will be established whereby agencies and organizations throughout the desert will have access to restoration planning and design to assist with restoration project management. A database of restoration sites throughout the Mojave and Colorado deserts will be established and accessible through the Desert Lands Restoration Web Site. Projects will be assessed and prioritized based on established criteria. Criteria include such items as cost-effectiveness, ecosystem function, potential for success, and relationship with state and local entities. DLRTF will coordinate with other teams such as DIRT and the Science and Data Management to facilitate public outreach and address research needs.

### **Project Goals and Objectives**

1. Establish a Disturbed Lands Project Database
2. Develop and improve restoration methods
3. Continue to provide land managers with access to plant material sources, resources, and information for restoration planning and implementation
4. In coordination with DIRT, develop a public information program; foster partnerships; and develop a desert-wide constituency

### **Project Area/Sites**

Project sites may occur throughout the desert. DLRTF, DMG, and project leaders will select sites during fiscal year 2000.

### **Project Management**

The Desert Lands Restoration Task Force will manage this program, with management oversight from the DMG.

### **Tasks Description**

- Establishment of a Disturbed Lands Project Database (DLRTF and the HazMat Working Group) to be located at the MDEP website
- Work with MDEP webmaster to move current website and add the project database
- Monitor and maintain the project database; coordinate with UC Davis existing website to monitor restoration sites
- Restorationists throughout the desert input projects into project database via website; this database is dynamic with input ongoing; FY00 cutoff for entries June 2000
- Prioritize projects in database - July 2000 (DLRTF)
- Work with commercial nurseries in coordination with existing JOTR nursery
- Initiate outreach plan and respond to information needs from the DIRT group; maintain DIRT liaison (Prehoda)
- Provide training opportunities for public and private restorationists; this will include announcements on the website and organizing small workshops for DLRTF members; support workshops for arid lands issues
- Collaborate with Plant Conservation Alliance

## **Budget Summary**

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### **Description of Final Product**

At the end of the first year of this project:

- The Disturbed Lands Project Database has a minimum of thirty projects accessioned
- Managers have an estimate of # acres rehabilitated per year via the project database
- DMG has a priority list of desert restoration projects; high priority restoration sites are identified and scheduled for restoration during FY01
- Through the MDEP website and informal meetings and contacts, restoration methods are improved and information is made available throughout desert
- One training session coordinated for desert restoration team participants
- Through DMG team coordination (DIRT, DLRTF, etc.) agency staff members have a unified message regarding ecosystem protection and restoration
- Partnerships with private groups, counties, state, and federal agencies are encouraged to further leverage available funds; local, federal, and state entities are committed to supporting restoration activities

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