

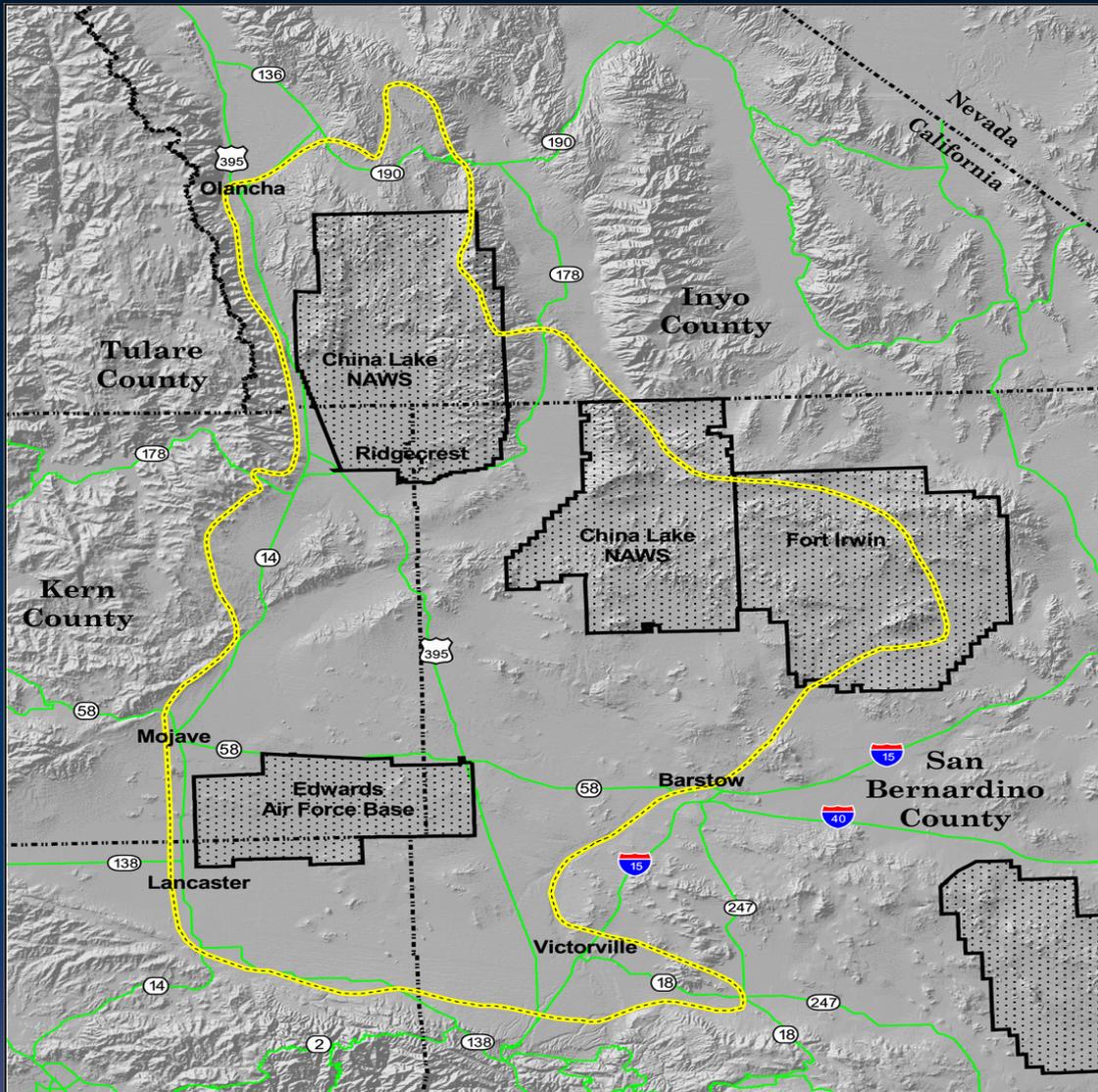
Mojave Ground Squirrel Conservation



Why Partnership for MGS is needed

- One-third of the historic MGS range is private land
- One-third is military land
- One-third is public land administered by BLM
- < 1% in State ownership





 **Approximate
MGS Range**

20 0 20 40 60 80 Kilometers

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- The amount of land under state ownership is not adequate to protect the species.
- The Mohave ground squirrel has one of, if not the smallest range for any known ground squirrel
- Close to a 1/4 of the range has already been disturbed



What partners are needed

- USFWS
- BLM
- Military Bases – China Lake NAWS, Edwards AFB, Fort Irwin, MCCLB
- State Parks
- Counties – Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles and San Bernardino
- CDFG



Benefits of Partnership

- Prevent need to list MGS federally
- Everyone has input
- Sharing of expertise and resources



Goals

- Establish a more coordinate and comprehensive approach to Mohave ground squirrel management
- Collate existing data on distribution.
- Obtain enough information to develop a conservation Strategy



Suggested Partnering Activities

- Filling in gaps on MGS distribution
 - Obtain additional information on habitat requirements
 - Obtain additional information on genetics/hybridization
 - Develop conservation strategies
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Next Steps

- Determine interested participants
- Identify point of contacts
- Set up meeting of interested parties

