

DMG 5 Year Plan Change Summary

1. Deletions.

- a. **Goal 1, Task E (task completed).** In cooperation with various federal, state and local agencies, the DMG will work with the Low Desert RC&D to establish the Coachella Valley/Southern Desert Weed Management Area (WMA). **(FY 05, BLM/ABDSP/FWS, on track)**
- b. **Goal 1, Task I (task completed).** The DMG will sponsor and conduct Introductory Wilderness Training for non-wilderness professionals at various DMG office locations throughout the California deserts. **(FY 05, BLM/NPS/USFS/USMC)**
- c. **Goal 2, Task C, Subtask 2 (task not currently feasible).** Implementing a 1-800 number to report incidents of littering.
- d. **Goal 3, Task B (task completed).** FWS will establish a Desert Tortoise Science Advisory Committee to provide scientific guidance to the DTRO, the DMG and other tortoise recovery and monitoring activities. **(FY 05, FWS, on track)**
- e. **Goal 5, Task C (task completed).** The DMG will provide support for the Three Corners Conference, a one-day archaeological meeting to be held at UNLV on October 15, 2005. **(FY 05, PACRAT, on track)**
- f. **Goal 5, Task I (task not feasible).** The DMG will consider organizing a session on desert archaeology, ethnography, and cultural resources management for presentation at the Society for California Archaeology's Annual Meeting. **(FY 05, PACRAT)**
- g. **Goal 7, Task C (task completed).** DMG agencies will install interpretive exhibits at Caltrans roadside rest areas in the California deserts. **(FY 05, Caltrans/State Parks/NPS/BLM/MDEP, on track)**
- h. **Goal 8, Task D (task completed).** Develop a framework or conceptual model to tie multiple agency efforts together across desert ecosystems and jurisdictional boundaries. **(FY 05, NPS, on track)**
- i. **Goal 10, Task C, Subtask 2 (task completed).** Developing a GIS map of the DOI areas of concern and the critical water and water dependent resources; **(FY 05, BLM-NV, on track)**
- j. **Goal 12, Task A (task completed).** The DMG will review, update and renew the DMG Charter and MOU to reflect current priorities and policies. **(FY 05/06, DOD/DOI Coordinators, on track)**

2. Changes (action taken described – original tasks shown).

- a. **Goal 1, Task B & C (combined). B.** The DMG will provide information via the DMG's restoration webpage to review new/current restoration techniques, sources of labor and material, partnership opportunities, ongoing restoration projects, and monitoring. **(FY 05, BLM/MDEP, on track)** **C.** A list and status report of ongoing restoration activities in the desert will be compiled and made available through the DMG website. **(FY 05, USGS/MDEP, on track)**
- b. **Goal 2, Task C, Subtask 1 (changed to Kern County).** Sponsoring an illegal dumping enforcement workshop (IDEW) in San Bernardino County
- c. **Goal 3, Task C, (combined with Task E).** FWS will establish an in-house repository for all desert tortoise data via an MOU. The MOU will outline protocols for the structure and maintenance of the data repository and accessing data in the repository. **(FY 05, FWS, on track)**
- d. **Goal 8, Task A (changed to reflect current status).** Selected papers from the 3rd Mojave Desert Science Symposium will be written up and published. **(FY 05, NPS, on track)**
- e. **Goal 9 combined under Goal 3. Subsequent goals renumbered to reflect correct sequencing.**

3. Additions.

- a. **Goal 14. Make high priority Abandoned Mine Land (AML) sites that pose a significant environmental and safety threat safe by reducing or removing physical and chemical hazards associated with the site.**
 - A. Reclaim high priority AML sites that pose a significant environmental and safety threat. **(FY 06 – 10, BLM, NPS, Kern County, Ongoing, funding dependant)**
 - B. Gain a better understanding of AML sites by combining existing AML data into one database/data layer. **(FY 06, BLM, MDEP, resource dependant)**
 - C. Form partnerships to leverage funding and accomplish initiative goals. **(FY 06, BLM, ongoing, on track)**
- b. **Goal 15. Ensure the long-term protection of Mojave Ground Squirrel habitat and the viability of the species.**
 - A. Foster communication and coordination among participants and other interested parties to identify opportunities for collaborative action to further the acquisition, protection, restoration and management of MGS habitat. **(FY 06, CDFG/FWS/BLM/NPS/DOD/Kern County, ongoing)**

- B. Determine the extent of the MGS range. **(FY 06, CDFG/FWS/BLM/NPS/DOD/Kern County, ongoing)**
- C. Determine habitat type. **(FY 07, CDFG/FWS/BLM/NPS/DOD/Kern County, ongoing)**
- D. Develop an Adaptive Management Plan. **(FY 07, CDFG/FWS/BLM/NPS/DOD/Kern County, ongoing)**
- E. Develop and implement effective conservation measures to sustain long term viability of the species. **(FY 08, CDFG/FWS/BLM/NPS/DOD/Kern County, ongoing)**