



Data Management Team Recommendations

26 March 2002

The Data Management Team met on 26 March 2002 in Barstow CA. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Team member thoughts on the current value of the group, ideas relative to what would make the group more valuable/meaningful, what the focus (agenda) of the group should be, and what is needed from management (the DMG) to make the group more effective.

The following recommendations are provided for Manager approval:

1. Recommend the Data Management Team (DMT) be placed in an inactive status. Inactivation of the data management team should not be interpreted to reflect a decreased need for GIS data standards, data sharing, and a spatial component for interagency collaborative projects.
2. In lieu of the DMT, recommend the establishment of a pool of experts (a “knowledge pool”) that will provide expertise to various project groups/projects within the DMG as the need arises (e.g., tortoise monitoring, spring surveys). Members of the knowledge pool will coordinate informally to provide database management and spatial data management expertise for the collection, analysis, and development of data sets (i.e. Database design, GPS data dictionaries, field collection of spatial data etc.). Members of the knowledge pool shall included:

Tom Zmudka, BLM

Gary Lindberg, Joshua Tree National Park

John Stark, Death Valley National Park

Abdur Shoyeb, Mojave National Preserve

Thomas Williams, Marine Corps Air Ground Task Force Training Center, 29 Palms

Kevin Perkey, Fort Irwin

Representative, Edwards Air Force Base

Representative, China Lake Naval Weapons Station

James Essex, Mojave Desert Ecosystem Program

3. Recommend that requests for assistance from the “knowledge pool” be provided to the appropriate Manager through the DMG Coordinators and that the Manager agrees to give priority consideration to the request.
4. Recommend that previously developed spatial data standards and guidelines developed by the DMT and adopted by the DMG continue to be used by all agencies for data sharing.
5. Recommend DMG partner agencies continue to provide spatial data to MDEP and support the spatial data clearing house effort.
6. Recommend DMG partner agencies continue to work with the MDEP to find methods to facilitate data sharing, data updates, and data maintenance with respect to the MDEP data clearinghouse.
7. Recommend that members of the “knowledge pool” meet on an annual basis to discuss issues related to regional data sharing, standards, and guidelines related to interagency collaborative projects. The DOD/DOI Coordinators will convene and facilitate the meeting and report findings/recommendations to the DMG.