

GIS Data Needs/Contribution Survey Desert Manager's Group Data Management Team (DMT)

BACKGROUND

The Data Management Team (DMT) Interagency Working Group was formed to assist managers in improving data management and GIS capabilities for addressing local and regional issues. Our mission statement requires the DMT to "improve the use and sharing of information and data management systems and promote cost effective data management in the California Deserts".

The group serves as a focal point for discussing multi-agency data issues and needs related to resource management. The team addresses the availability, strengths, and weaknesses of existing data as a basis for building integrated local and regional data sets that will provide a context on which to build databases and conduct GIS related analysis of the California Deserts.

The DMT views collecting information on the type and use of geospatial data within our multi-agency region as a critical first step in fulfilling our team goals and serving the Desert Mangers.

PURPOSE

The ultimate purpose of the attached, largely multiple choice survey, is fivefold:

- 1) Provide information to enable the DMT to facilitate coordination among and/or provide support on data and geographic information systems to work groups.
- 2) Provide empirical data in order to develop recommendations to enhance joint interests in the collection, management, and use of resource information and data including data standards, technical standards, inventories, analysis methodologies, and applications.
- 3) Define common data requirements that can be standardized and cooperatively supported.
- 4) Identify key data sets/spatial information requirements. Develop, evaluate, and recommend resolution of consistency and

implementation issues relating to these data sets and requirements.

- 5) To aid in the development of a seamless, current, and accessible information network via the Mojave Desert Ecosystem Data Clearinghouse.

PRODUCTS

As a participant in this survey you can expect the following products as a result of your responses:

- 1) Within 30 days following the deadline for the receipt of the survey responses a complete statistical summary of the responses.
- 2) Within 90 days following the deadline for the receipt of the survey responses a contacts database of participating data contributors and acquisition sources.
- 3) Within 120 days following the deadline for the receipt of the survey responses a series of initiatives and workplans to fulfill the identified needs for geospatial data and services.

DIRECTIONS

The survey itself has been sent to you in MS Document Template format, which can be completed using MS Word. Participants are asked to provide their responses digitally to the email address listed below to.

The survey will be distributed to the current members of the DMG GIS list server as well as the Desert Manger representative for dissemination to their technical staff. We apologize for any cases of duplication. Please provide only one set of survey responses per responsible individual (i.e. if your operation employs a cultural and natural resource GIS specialist please provide 2 responses). We encourage you to discuss the question with your GIS staff as well as the subject matter specialist you support.

The Deadline for Survey Responses is 12:00 p.m. 12 September.

Please send completed surveys, questions, and comments to:

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A copy of these documents will be posted at www.dmg.gov/wg-dmt.htm.

Thank you for your participation.