



**Clark County Desert Conservation Program and
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
Plan Administrator Updates
January 1 – March 31, 2008**



Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to National Park Service (NPS) for Peregrine Falcon Monitoring at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Project No. 475.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to NPS for Lake Mead Geographic Information Systems and Data Management Support, Project No. 525.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to NPS for Monitoring of Illegal Ground Disturbance, Project No. 526.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to NPS for Monitoring of Road Conditions and Signs, Project No. 529.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to NPS for Inventory, Monitoring and Research of Watch Species, Project No. 536.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for Effects of Monitoring of Fuel Treatment Projects in the Spring Mountains, Project No. 551.
- ✓ Terminated an Interlocal Agreement with the University of Nevada, Reno for Monitoring for Covered and At-Risk Butterfly Species in the Spring Mountains.
- ✓ Issued Purchase Order to SWCA Environmental Consultants to complete highest priority 2008 fieldwork for Mt. Charleston Blue Butterfly habitat surveys on the Spring Mountains.
- ✓ Awarded a contract to The Nature Conservancy for Effectiveness Monitoring of Salt Cedar and Knapweed Removal on the Upper Muddy River Flood Plain, Project No. 572.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to USGS for the Long-Term Conservation Strategy for Palmer’s Chipmunk in the Spring Mountain National Recreation Area, Project 580.
- ✓ Issued a Request for Proposals for Meeting Facilitation and Process Consultation. Held a Pre-Proposal Conference on February 26, 2008. Received five (5) proposals in response and the selection panel is currently reviewing and ranking proposals.
- ✓ Processed 77 professional services and goods invoices during the quarter.

Project Management

- ✓ The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
	51
	3
	2

Four metrics are tracked: 1) budget, 2) schedule, 3) scope, and 4) quality. Green indicates that the project is currently within accepted tolerances for each metric. Yellow signifies there may be or is a problem, but is recoverable. Red signifies that a problem exists that requires immediate attention.

For more information on our projects, please visit our website at:

http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/Air_Quality/DCPActiveProjects/DCPActiveProjects.htm

Other Administrative Accomplishments

- ✓ Worked on closeout of Round 4 Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA)-funded projects.
- ✓ Migrated to SNPLMA Automated System Application Process for reporting and reimbursements.
- ✓ Began design and development of the Milestone and Deliverable Tracking Module of the automated contract administration and project management tracking system.
- ✓ Attended the Round 8 SNPLMA signing ceremony and received Notice of Availability of funds from the Bureau of Land Management.

2009-2011 Implementation Plan and Budget Process

- ✓ Hosted a conference call with the Implementing Agencies on February 11, 2008 to discuss the process and answer questions (see attachment)
- ✓ Hosted a workshop between the Implementing Agencies and the Science Advisor (Desert Research Institute (DRI)) to craft a set of criteria and a scoring system for DRI's review and ranking of project concepts (see attachment).
- ✓ Issued a request for project concepts to the Implementing Agencies on March 3, 2008.
- ✓ Received seven (7) project concepts in response on March 28, 2008.
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE – JULY 31, 2008, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – PUBLIC MEETING ON THE DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND BUDGET FOR THE 2009-2011 BIENNIUM.**

Boulder City Conservation Easement

- ✓ Patrol Statistics:
 - Made contact with 411 visitors to the easement
 - Handed out 251 maps, 221 brochures, and 254 refrigerator magnets
 - Issued four (4) citations
 - Installed 26 "No Motor Vehicles" signs
 - Installed eight (8) "Designated" route signs
 - Replaced two (2) "No Dumping" signs
 - Replaced one (1) "No Shooting" signs
- ✓ Reviewed Boulder City's Feasibility Study and Alternatives for Wastewater Discharge and transmitted comments in favor of alternatives that would have the least impact on the easement.
- ✓ Consulted with Western Area Power Administration on its Davis-Mead 230-kV Transmission Line Reconductor Project. Requested minimization and mitigation measures to reduce impacts on the easement. Monitored project activities and are in the process of reconciling issues resulting from the project.

Desert Tortoise Fencing

- ✓ Continued contracted work with Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) to retrofit high priority roads with tortoise-proof mesh. As of April 1, 2008, NDF had completed a total of 36 miles along I-15 (from 93 turnoff going north) under this agreement.
- ✓ Renewed contract with American Fence to purchase an additional 20 miles of fencing material for this project.
- ✓ Completed maintenance and repair of tortoise-proof fencing around the Large Scale Translocation Site.

Public Information and Education

- ✓ Mojave Max Education Program – Continued work under contract with the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association (RRCIA) to administer the Mojave Max Education Program. RRCIA completed 12 school assemblies and reached more than 200 teachers and 5000 students.

- ✓ Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Video Project – Continued contracted work with Partners in Conservation for the development and production of two videos targeting teen and pre-teen OHV use. Videos will use teen and pre-teen talent to better inform those target audiences. Videos will highlight responsible use and the “Respect, Protect and Enjoy our Desert” theme.
- ✓ Mojave Max Assembly Video Project – Initiated contract with Joshua Tree Productions to write, develop and produce a video that will bring the Mojave Max Assembly to classrooms that are unable to get the live assembly each year.

Desert Tortoise Hotline and Pick-Up Service

- ✓ Operated the desert tortoise hotline and pick-up service with staff.
- ✓ Delivered a total of 67 tortoises to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center:
 - 37 surrendered pet desert tortoises
 - 11 stray pet desert tortoises found in urban areas
 - 4 stray pet tortoises or turtles that are not desert tortoises
 - 14 tortoises of unknown origin
 - 1 wild tortoise
- ✓ Seating of the pet tortoise task force has been pushed back to allow for the selection of a facilitator to help convene and facilitate the process.

Adaptive Management Program

- ✓ Updated the Habitat Loss by Ecosystem and Land Use Trend Reports (see attachments)
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 15, 2008 - MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT SYMPOSIUM.**

Proposed State Listing of the Las Vegas Buckwheat

- ✓ Provided comments on the proposed listing.
- ✓ Participated in the public workshop on February 29, 2008.

Plan Amendment

- ✓ Continued with key stakeholder briefings.
- ✓ Drafted amended Interlocal Agreement among permittees. Draft is currently being reviewed by each entity.
- ✓ Worked on draft Request for Proposals for environmental consultant to prepare amended habitat conservation plan.

2005-2007 Biennium Progress Report

- ✓ Substantially completed compiling final reports for projects active in the 2005-2007 biennium.
- ✓ Issued a purchase order to Red Inc. to assist with the compilation, technical writing and editing of the report.

Land Disturbance and Mitigation Fees Report

- ✓ See attached.
- ✓ Received and reconciled monthly land disturbance and mitigation fee reports from permittee entities, with the exception of Boulder City. Boulder City experienced staffing transitions again during this quarter, but is expected to submit reports as soon as possible.

Financial Report

- ✓ See attached.

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT

4/9/2008	CC-Civil	CC-Dev Svcs	Boulder City	Henderson	Las Vegas	Mesquite	NDOT	NLV	Yr Totals
2001 Acres	152.70	3,171.52	36.18	1,030.84	1,064.33	89.49	6.85	740.55	6,292.46
2001 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2001 Fees	\$84,041.60	\$1,727,378.56	\$19,919.00	\$566,948.47	\$585,436.00	\$28,543.66	\$3,767.50	\$402,055.50	\$3,418,090.29
2002 Acres	251.95	3,296.95	19.68	1,299.75	1,848.38	162.51	11.40	1,584.96	8,475.58
2002 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2002 Fees	\$137,603.40	\$1,802,376.26	\$10,824.00	\$709,254.00	\$1,013,806.15	\$89,382.00	\$6,270.00	\$871,757.00	\$4,641,272.81
2003 Acres	382.62	3,374.55	17.63	1,391.89	1,492.50	364.17	4.12	2,105.20	9,132.68
2003 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.94	0.00	0.00	2.75	11.69
2003 Fees	\$209,642.75	\$1,855,402.45	\$8,944.50	\$774,022.15	\$710,889.83	\$171,940.68	\$2,266.00	\$1,157,870.50	\$4,890,978.86
2004 Acres	412.01	4,062.93	9.81	1,856.55	1,621.89	518.21	0.00	2,039.21	10,520.61
2004 Exempt	0.00	0.00	1,644.95	0.00	110.97	13.41	0.00	8.28	1,777.61
2004 Fees	\$225,165.31	\$2,239,261.90	\$5,381.50	\$1,005,598.05	\$891,828.23	\$265,492.00	\$0.00	\$1,121,631.05	\$5,754,358.04
2005 Acres	243.27	4,339.36	12.36	1,995.51	1,175.01	412.33	8.50	1,498.52	9,684.86
2005 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2005 Fees	\$127,892.06	\$2,392,014.00	\$6,798.50	\$959,898.90	\$636,019.43	\$198,824.62	\$4,427.50	\$824,191.50	\$5,150,066.51
2006 Acres	105.41	3,365.42	530.50	3,831.64	1,157.47	1,244.43	0.00	739.65	10,974.52
2006 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.26	37.34	0.00	0.00	108.60
2006 Fees	\$54,970.45	\$1,851,016.68	\$291,643.50	\$2,092,211.09	\$636,955.65	\$680,664.35	\$0.00	\$406,807.00	\$6,014,268.72
2007 Acres	107.63	2,275.45	32.11	798.60	664.51	395.72	0.00	435.20	4,709.22
2007 Exempt	0.00	115.84	0.00	89.77	2.16	27.93	0.00	0.00	235.70
2007 Fees	\$58,373.80	\$1,251,497.50	\$17,661.00	\$439,047.95	\$365,470.08	\$191,207.00	\$0.00	\$219,627.65	\$2,542,884.98
2008 Acres	4.74	360.86	0.00	95.50	73.93	37.67	0.00	191.50	764.20
2008 Exempt	0.00	60.42	0.00	0.00	22.50	2.22	0.00	0.00	85.14
2008 Fees	\$2,607.00	\$197,757.50	\$0.00	\$52,525.00	\$40,661.50	\$20,718.50	\$0.00	\$105,323.35	\$419,592.85
Total acres disturbed to date=			60,554.13						
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (audited)=			2,218.74	**					
Total fees collected to date=			\$32,831,513.06						
**15,000 acres is exempt from the \$550 per acre mitigation fee for government use.									
Number of acres allowed for disturbance under current multiple species permit						145,000.00			
Less number of acres reported for which fees have been paid under current permit						60,554.13			
Number of fee exempt acres remaining under current permit **						15,000.00	**		
Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit **						69,445.87	**		

** Note: We are currently conducting an audit of the exempt acreage and as a result, fee exempt acres is subject to change. Amount shown (15,000) is the maximum number of fee exempt acres allowed under the current permit.

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2005-2007 BIENNIUM**

Revised:
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SECTION 10

REQUIRED TO SPEND:

\$ 3,817,775.00

COMMENTS

TOTAL SECTION 10 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SECTION 10 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SECTION 10 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SECTION 10 REFUNDS

\$ 2,689,256.82
\$ 1,373,426.27
\$ 124,594.99
\$ 20,545.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 4,207,823.58 **TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ (390,048.58)**

% SPENT

110.22% **% AMOUNT REMAINING -10.22%**

SNPLMA REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROUND 6 IS

\$ 2,329,808.86 **AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER REIMBURSEMENT= \$ 1,939,760.28**

SECTION 7

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 2,952,883.50

TOTAL SECTION 7 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SECTION 7 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD

\$ 768,006.21
\$ 1,855,172.40

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 2,623,178.61 **TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 329,704.89**

% SPENT

88.83% **% AMOUNT REMAINING 11.17%**

SNPLMA ROUND 6

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 30,706,816.00

TOTAL SNPLMA CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SNPLMA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD

\$ 1,533,661.06
\$ 261,790.64

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 1,795,451.70 **TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 28,911,364.30**

% SPENT

5.85% **% AMOUNT REMAINING 94.15%**

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$ 37,477,474.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 8,626,453.89 **TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 28,851,020.61**

% SPENT

23.02% **% AMOUNT REMAINING 76.98%**

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2007-2009 BIENNIUM**

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SECTION 10

REQUIRED TO SPEND:

\$ 4,500,000.00

COMMENTS

TOTAL SECTION 10 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD

TOTAL SECTION 10 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD

TOTAL SECTION 10 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD

TOTAL SECTION 10 REFUNDS

\$	68,780.00
\$	1,039,744.52
\$	55,412.75
\$	17,413.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 1,181,350.77 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING **\$ 3,318,649.23**

% SPENT

26.25%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

73.75%

SNPLMA REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROUND 8 IS

\$

AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER REIMBURSEMENT= **\$ 3,318,649.23**

SNPLMA ROUND 8

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 4,317,301.00 PENDING SNPLMA APPROVAL

TOTAL SNPLMA CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD

\$

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING **\$ 4,317,301.00**

% SPENT

0.00%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

100.00%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$ 8,817,301.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT \$ 1,181,350.77

%SPENT 13.40%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 7,635,950.23

% AMOUNT REMAINING 86.60%