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RE: DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION NOTIFICATION:
ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF A REGIONAL HCP
2013-AA-1460B

The work for the above referenced project has been completed. Please see the attached for all project related information.

The purpose of the above referenced project was:

The Desert Conservation Program is preparing a major amendment to the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP). To support this process, an independent evaluation of the economic impact of the plan was commissioned to examine the overall impact of the MSHCP on economic development activity. The results of this study will be used in discussion with local business and development communities, government decision-makers, regulatory agencies, and residents in the development of the MSHCP amendment.

The major accomplishment or findings of this project include:

The findings of this analysis indicate that the MSHCP has been key in facilitating economic growth in southern Nevada. Since the plan was adopted in 2001, the MSHCP has been responsible for an estimated annual average of 1,974 jobs (31,587 cumulative person-years of employment) as well as \$1.6 billion (in current dollars) of labor income and \$4.7 billion of economic output. The per-acre disturbance fee has generated \$56.7 million since 2001. With \$2.7 billion added to regional gross domestic product (GDP) as a result of the MSHCP, the amount of developer fees paid have translated into an over forty-fold increase in economic activity. Assuming the remainder of land available under the MSHCP is developed, the plan is anticipated to support an additional 16,041 person-years of employment, nearly \$0.8 billion of labor income, \$2.4 billion of economic output, and nearly \$1.4 billion of GDP.

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The plan has also generated significant qualitative, or non-quantifiable, impacts. Project-by-project compliance with the Endangered Species Act would involve increased risk and likely higher costs compared to the streamlined approach provided under the MSHCP. The plan provides certainty for developers that would otherwise be absent. Additionally, the continuous open space provided by the MSHCP improves property values, provides educational outreach to school children, and allows for vital research on the natural environment. Large habitat conservation plans like the MSHCP have also proven to have very effective outcomes in preserving endangered and threatened species. The southern Nevada community is expected to continue to reap the benefit of the program's implementation and its planned amendment well into the foreseeable future as the region is expected to outpace population growth and investment averages.

For more information about this project and/or for other Project Reports or Symposium Reports, please visit our website at: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/airquality/dcp/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact Kimberley Jenkins at (702) 455-2134.

Sincerely,



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cc:

US Fish and Wildlife Service
Board of County Commissioners (7)
Permittees' Executive Committee
Permittees' Process Management Group
Thomas Boldt, Purchasing
Catherine Jorgenson, District Attorney – Civil Division
Desert Conservation Program Community Advisory Committee
Desert Conservation Program Interested Parties List
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Implementing Agencies
Science Advisor
SNPLMA Office (for SNPLMA projects)
Congressional Office
DCP Staff