



**Clark County Desert Conservation Program and
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
Plan Administrator Updates
July 1 – September 30, 2007**



Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to National Park Service to conduct a study of relict leopard frog, Project No. 476.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to National Park Service for Inventory, Research and Monitoring of Covered Plant Species, Project No. 535.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to National Park Service for an interagency weed sentry project, Project No. 537.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to University of Nevada, Reno for the Epidemiology of Desert Tortoise, Project 567
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to US Geological Survey for Expert Advice, Project 574
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to University of Nevada, Reno for Movements and Barriers to Movement of Desert Tortoise, Project No. 576
- ✓ Awarded a contract to Red Rock Interpretive Association for the Mojave Max Emergence Contest and Education Program, Project No. 559A.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to University of Nevada, Las Vegas to conduct a study of relict leopard frog habitat connectivity, Project No. 575.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to United States Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct monitoring of desert tortoise, Project No. 585A.
- ✓ Processed 81 professional services and goods invoices during the quarter.

Project Management

- ✓ The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
	27
	10
	2

Four metrics are tracked: 1) budget, 2) schedule, 3) scope, and 4) quality. Green indicates that 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.

Other Administrative Accomplishments

- ✓ Attended SNPLMA Partners Working Group Meeting to present Round 8 SNPLMA nominations. USFWS recommended BLM Road Designation, Permit Amendment and 2009 Desert Tortoise Monitoring.
- ✓ Began design of an automated contract and project tracking system. Major progress made on design of four modules: Invoice Tracking, Contact Management, Data Entry, and Financial Tracking. Testing of the modules has started and staff will be trained in late Oct with project rollout scheduled for first week of November.
- ✓ Staff received training on the following business processes: Library Submittal Forms and Procedures, Deliverable and Milestone Receipt and Acceptance/Rejection, Issues Escalation, and Developing Scopes of Work.

Adaptive Management Program

- ✓ Established and organized programmatic data sets (spatial and aspatial).
- ✓ Held a workshop titled “Clark County Rare Plant Monitoring and Adaptive Management Workshop: Increasing the Precision and Efficiency of Rare Species Monitoring” designed to assist project proponents in meeting technical conditions for SNPLMA, Round 6 MSHCP funding. The Nature Conservancy was contracted to provide facilitation for the workshop. There were 12 participants that included the National Park Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Geological Survey, and US Forest Service, as well as attendees from the University of Nevada Las Vegas: Public Lands Institute, and the Desert Research Institute. The workshop included a day of field work experience at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge where participants applied and reinforced techniques presented in the workshop.

Desert Tortoise Fencing

- ✓ **Retro-fitted fencing along I-15 (from 93 turnoff going north)** – Continued contracted work with Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) to retrofit high priority roads with tortoise-proof mesh. As of October, 2007, NDF had completed a total of 162,800 feet of fencing (30.8 miles) under this contract.
- ✓ **Completed work on northern section of I -15** – Completed contracted work with Partners in Conservation for the retro-fitting of fencing along I-15 moving north from Carp Elgin Road towards the first large Mesa (before Mesquite). A total of 140,600 feet of fencing (26.6 miles) was completed under this contract.
- ✓ **Monitoring and Maintenance** – Monitored and repaired the north and south boundaries of the Large Scale Translocation Site twice, prior to desert tortoise releases on April 15 and October 1. Monitored, repaired and surveyed tortoise-proof fencing along Nipton road September 15 – October 10, 2007.

Public Information and Education

- ✓ **Mojave Max Education Program** – Contract to administer the Mojave Max Education Program, including the Mojave Max Emergence Contest portion, was approved by the BCC on September 4, 2007. Red Rock Canyon Interpretative will administer and implement the volunteer program, teacher program, emergence contest, and school assemblies for four years. This contract also includes development of additional partnerships with federal agencies, and applying for alternate funding. A primary goal of this program/contract is to have the Mojave Max Education Program become self-sustaining by 2010.
- ✓ **Desert Conservation Week in Rural Northeastern Clark County** – Under purchase order with Partners in Conservation, began implementation of Desert Conservation Week in rural northeastern Clark County. Teacher guide was developed and delivered to teachers of Moapa Valley and Virgin Valley. Partners in Conservation followed up with desert conservation education programs in the classrooms. Final report will be delivered in November stating number of teachers and students reached, as well as a program evaluation.
- ✓ **OHV Video Project** – Contract with Partners in Conservation expected to be approved in October 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.

Desert Tortoise Conservation Center

- ✓ Pursuing a Memorandum of Agreement with the USFWS for the intake, processing, placement and disposition of tortoises at the DTCC.
- ✓ Operating the desert tortoise hotline and pick-up service with DCP staff.
- ✓ Unwanted pet tortoise population is a significant challenge. Staff will be developing a task force to develop recommendations on how to collect, care for and dispose of unwanted, pet desert tortoises.

Changed Circumstance – Intensively Managed/Less Intensively Managed Lands Analysis

- ✓ Reviewed draft report. Comments included updating Las Vegas buckwheat data sets, which BLM is waiting for.
- ✓ Revised schedule anticipates the submittal of the Final Report and Public Presentation in December.

Las Vegas Buckwheat Proposed Listing

- ✓ Provided written comments regarding procedural deficiencies with the Notice of Intent and proposed Public Hearing and Public Workshop process.

BLM Transportation Plan

- ✓ Environmental Assessment for interim road designation was released.
- ✓ Provided comments in support of Alternative A, which closes 94 miles of duplicate and unnecessary routes.

Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan

- ✓ Agency draft revised recovery plan has been released by the USFWS.
- ✓ Reviewing and preparing comments on the draft revised recovery plan for desert tortoise.

Plan Amendment

- ✓ Briefed Southern Nevada Water Authority.
- ✓ Briefed with Virginia Valentine, County Manager, and Phil Rosenquist, Assistant County Manager.

2005-2007 Biennium Progress Report

- ✓ Delayed until January 15, 2008 to allow for inclusion of complete and reconciled financial information from Department of Finance.

Land Disturbance Report

- ✓ See attached.

Financial Report

- ✓ See attached.

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT

10/5/2007

	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	3,385.20	17.63	1,391.89	1,492.50	364.17	4.12	2,105.20	9,143.33
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	\$1,861,259.45	\$8,944.50	\$774,022.15	\$710,889.83	\$171,940.68	\$2,266.00	\$1,157,870.50	\$4,896,835.86
2004 Acres	412.01	4,070.33	9.81	1,856.55	1,621.89	518.21	0.00	2,039.21	10,528.01
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	\$2,243,331.90	\$5,381.50	\$1,005,598.05	\$891,828.23	\$265,492.00	\$0.00	\$1,121,631.05	\$5,758,428.04
2005 Acres	243.27	4,360.17	12.36	1,995.51	1,176.01	412.33	8.50	1,498.52	9,706.67
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	\$2,403,459.50	\$6,798.50	\$959,898.90	\$636,569.43	\$198,824.62	\$4,427.50	\$824,191.50	\$5,162,062.01
2006 Acres	105.41	3,388.63	530.50	3,831.64	1,157.47	1,244.43	0.00	739.65	10,997.73
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	\$1,863,782.18	\$291,643.50	\$2,092,211.09	\$636,955.65	\$680,664.35	\$0.00	\$406,807.00	\$6,027,034.22
2007 Acres	75.38	1,815.73	1.66	660.26	492.60	270.89	0.00	362.85	3,679.37
2007 Exempt	0.00	80.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.93	0.00	0.00	108.77
2007 Fees	\$41,462.40	\$998,651.50	\$913.50	\$362,958.75	\$270,944.58	\$148,989.00	\$0.00	\$179,834.15	\$2,003,753.88
2008 Acres	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008 Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total acres disturbed to date=			58,823.15						
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (audited)=			2,006.67 **						
Total fees collected to date=			\$31,907,477.11						
**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						58,823.15			
Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **						15,000.00 **			
Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit **						71,176.85 **			
** 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

\$ 2,553,854.70
\$ 1,373,426.27
\$ 114,926.17
\$ 20,545.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 4,062,752.64

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ (244,977.64)

% SPENT

106.42%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

-6.42%

SNPLMA REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROUND 6 IS

\$ 880,400.34

AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER REIMBURSEMENT = \$ 635,422.70

SECTION 7

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 2,952,883.50

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

\$ 757,016.21
\$ 1,855,172.40

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 2,612,188.61

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 340,694.89

% SPENT

88.46%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

11.54%

SNPLMA ROUND 6

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 30,706,816.00

TOTAL SNPLMA CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SNPLMA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD

\$ 240,000.00
\$ 261,790.64

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 501,790.64

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 30,205,025.36

% SPENT

1.63%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

98.37%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$ 37,477,474.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT \$ 7,176,731.89

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 30,300,742.61

%SPENT

19.15%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

80.85%

**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

\$ 23,460.00
 \$ 314,667.28
 \$ 10,238.04
 \$ 3,943.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 352,308.82

\$ 4,147,691.18

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING

% SPENT

7.83%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

92.17%

SNPLMA REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROUND 8 IS

\$ -

AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER REIMBURSEMENT=

\$ 4,147,691.18

SNPLMA ROUND 8

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 4,317,301.00 PENDING SNPLMA APPROVAL

TOTAL SNPLMA CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD

\$ -

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ -

\$ 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

\$ 352,308.82

\$ 8,464,992.18

%SPENT

4.00%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

96.00%