



Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Agency Focus Group: Background Materials

February 7, 2025 | 9:00am – 11:00am

Clark County Desert Conservation Program Office (4701 W. Russell Rd. Las Vegas, 89118)

Background Material on the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and Status

- [MSHCP Amendment webpage](#)
- **Information Session Presentation** - Introduction to the MSHCP and update process
 - [Slides](#)
 - [Video](#)
- [MSHCP Amendment Mapper](#)

Agency Coordination Discussion

- NEPA
- Implementation Agreement
 - Proposed signatories: Clark County and Permittees, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), and Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF)
- Cooperative Agreements for Reserve System management
 - Proposed signatories: Clark County, USFWS, BLM
 - Actions that County will implement within the Reserve System
 - Activities that BLM will retain authority over

Monitoring and Adaptive Management

Types of Monitoring:

- **Baseline Monitoring:** establishes current conditions, necessary to assess changes to species/habitats over time
- **Compliance Monitoring:** ensure that the Permittees are complying with permit terms and conditions
- **Effectiveness Monitoring:** evaluates how Covered Species are responding to management actions

Adaptive Management Evaluation

- Evaluation will occur every 10 years, but analysis of monitoring data can occur at any time

- Evaluate monitoring results against pre-defined triggers
- If a trigger is met, begin Adaptive Management process
- Overview of triggers

Draft Section of the MSHCP Amendment Document: [Monitoring and Adaptive Management](#)

Reporting

- Annual Progress Report
- Annual Project Symposium
- Ten-Year Monitoring Report

Draft Section of the MSHCP Amendment Document: [Reporting](#)

Implementation and Administration Structure

- Permittees
- Executive Committee
- Program Administrator
- Receiving Take authorization
- Budget Development

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State Regulated Species Discussion

- Proposed wildlife Covered Species include: Townsend's big-eared bat, spotted bat, yellow-billed cuckoo, southwestern willow flycatcher, loggerhead shrike Ridgway's rail, desert tortoise, Gila monster
- Proposed plant Covered Species include: Las Vegas bearpoppy, threecorner milkvetch, Blue Diamond cholla, sticky buckwheat
- NDF Master Permit

Current NDF Master Permit

Critical Path Tasks

- Reserve System
- Land Disturbance Fee
- Alternative Options

Other Potential Topics for Discussion

- [Covered Species](#)
- [Biological Goals and Objectives](#)
- [Avoidance and Minimization Measures](#)
- [Reserve System](#)
- [Funding Analysis](#)

