

Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Recreation Focus Group MSHCP Overview

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PROGRAM



Desert Conservation Program



MISSION:

Manage regional compliance with the federal Endangered Species Act



HOW?

Ensuring survivability of imperiled species by implementing the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and Section 10 Incidental Take Permit

Endangered Species Act



- **Endangered Species Act of 1973** - To protect and recover imperiled species and the ecosystems upon which they depend.
- **Section 9** – Prohibits the taking of species listed as endangered or threatened
- **Section 10** – Non-federal incidental take permit
- **Habitat Conservation Plan** - A required component of a Section 10 incidental take permit application; describes the anticipated effects of proposed take and how these effects will be avoided, minimized, and mitigated.



Current MSHCP



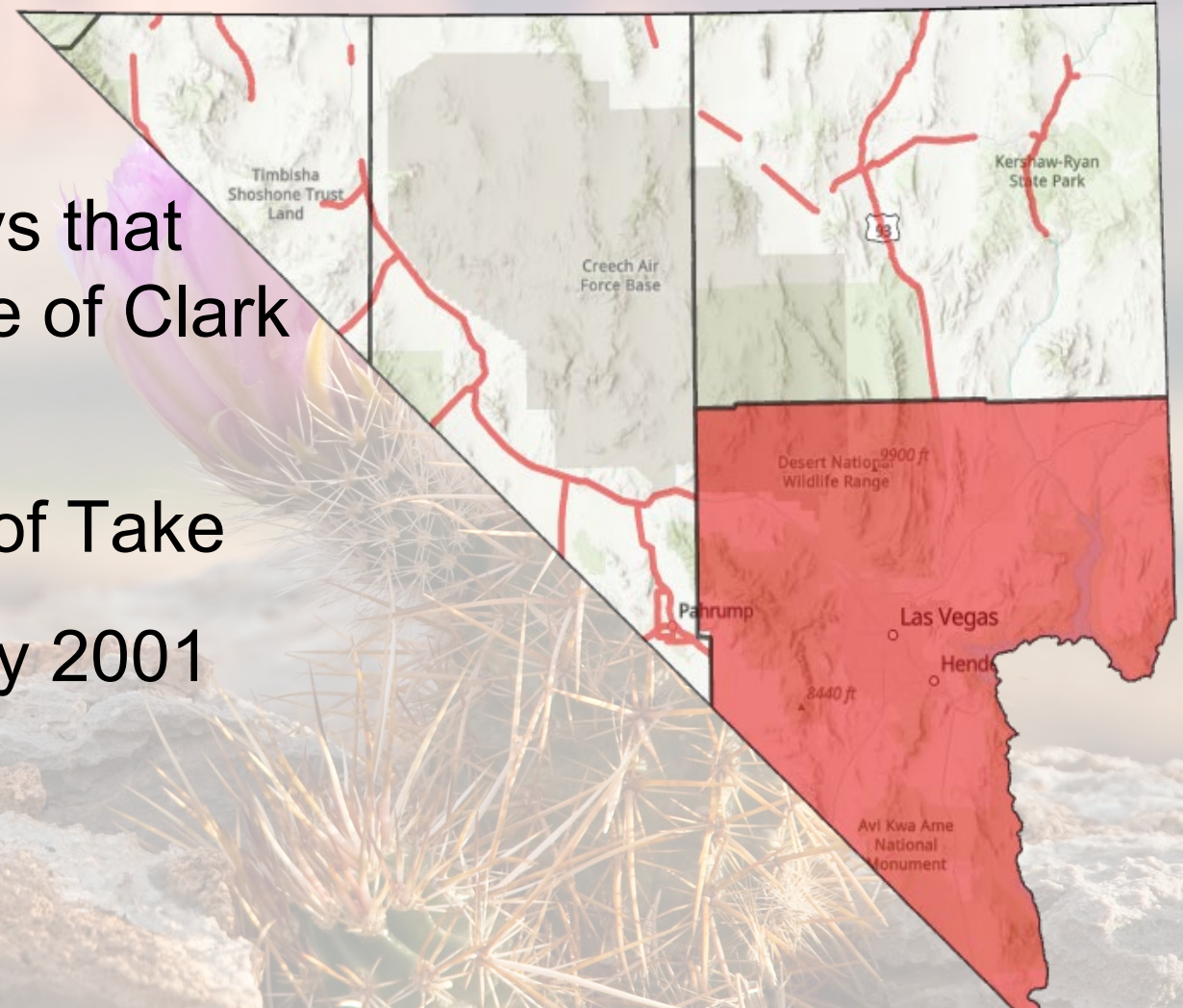
- The Desert Conservation Program serves as the Administrator of the Clark County MSHCP and incidental take permit.
- Permitee: A non-federal entity that receives an incidental take permit.
- Is responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions of the permit.

Current MSHCP



MSHCP Plan Area

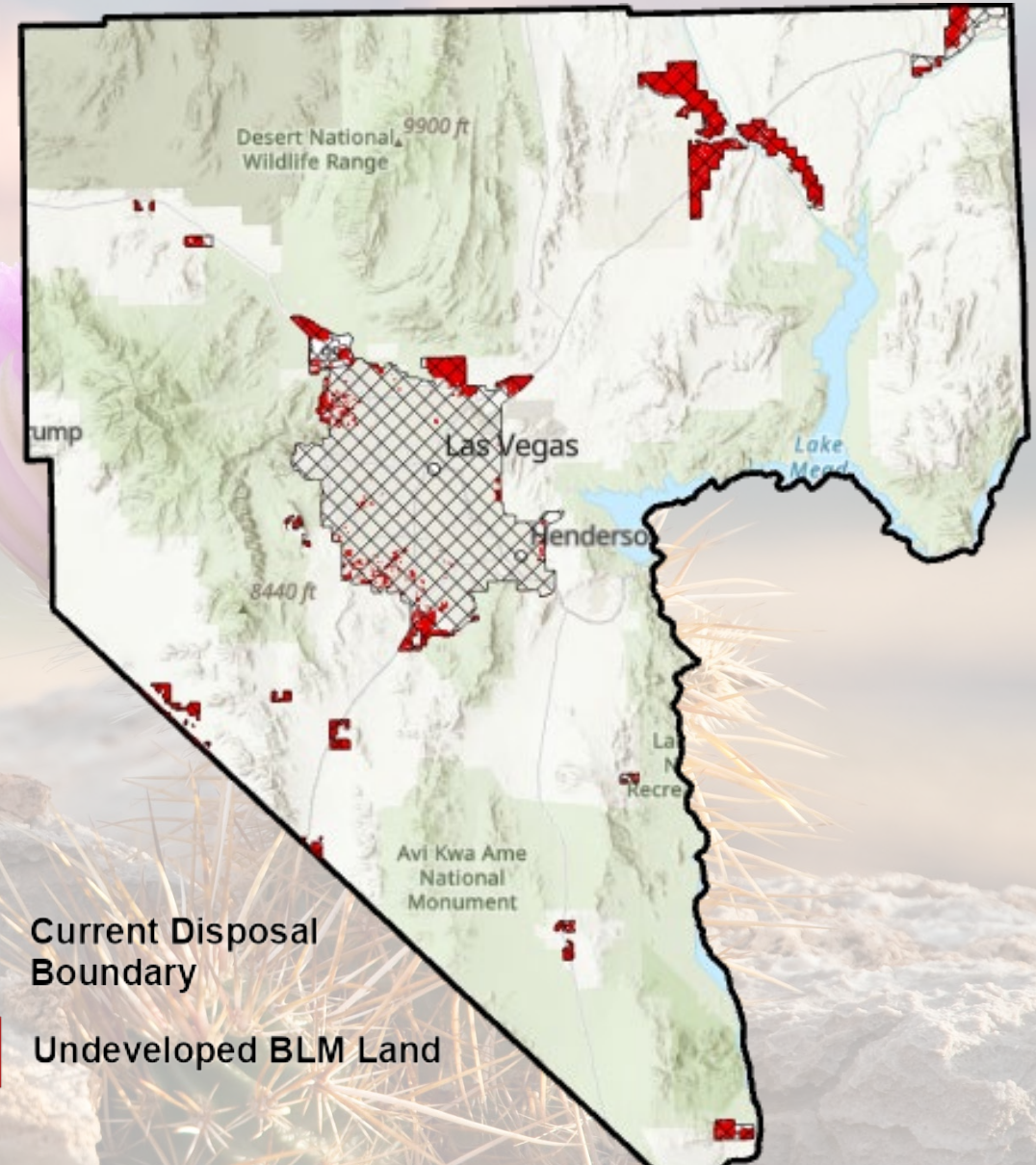
- MSHCP Plan Area includes all Clark County and some highways that are within tortoise habitat outside of Clark County.
- Authorizes up to 145,000 acres of Take
- 30-year permit effective February 2001



Current MSHCP



- Covers all non-federal land in Clark County and land that becomes non-federal
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Disposal Areas



MSHCP Funding

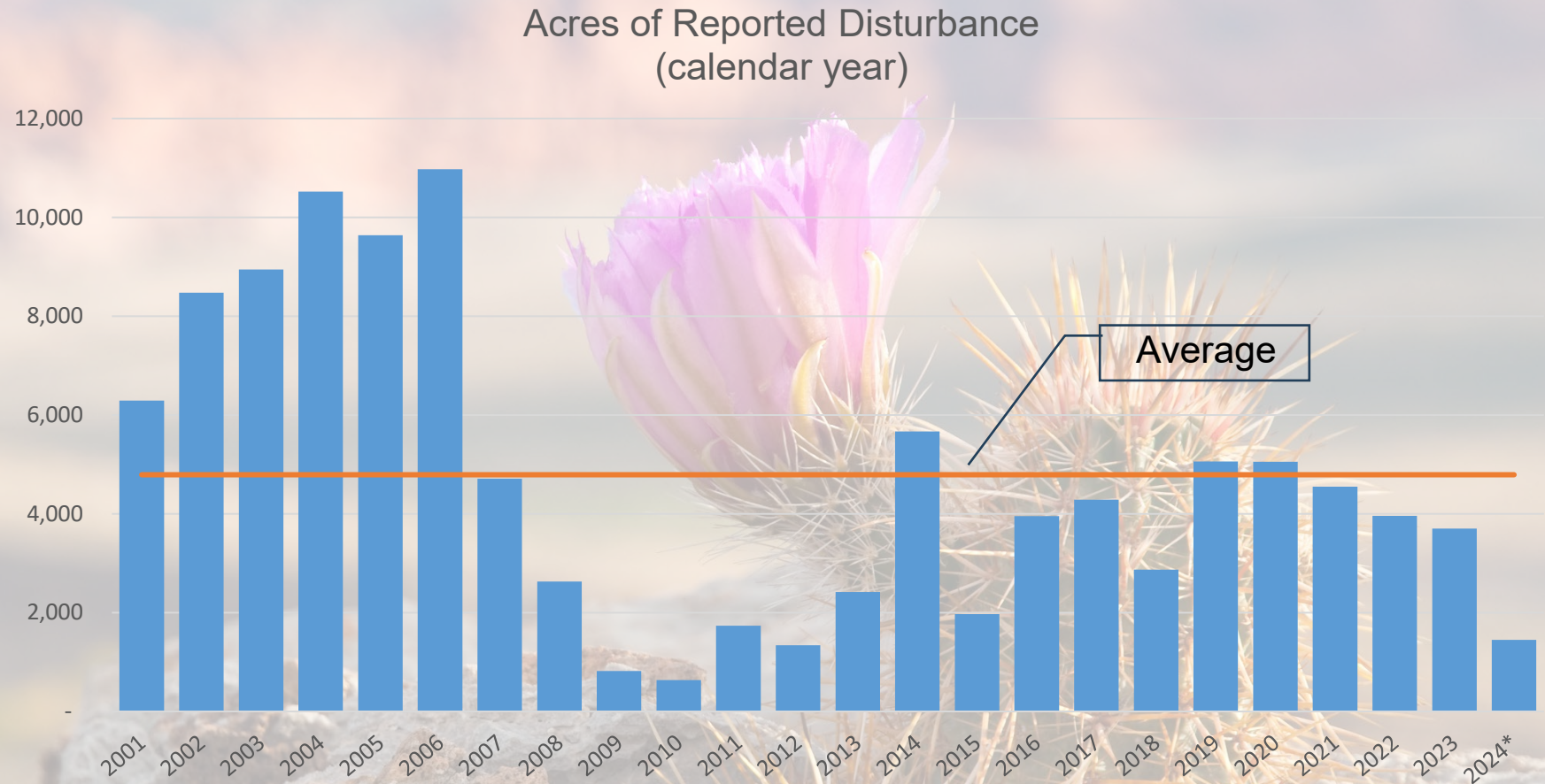


- Developers pay a \$550 per-acre disturbance fee to opt-in to the plan
- Eligible for funding under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) – grant program
- These funds are used to carry out the conservation actions described in the MSHCP

Status of the MSHCP



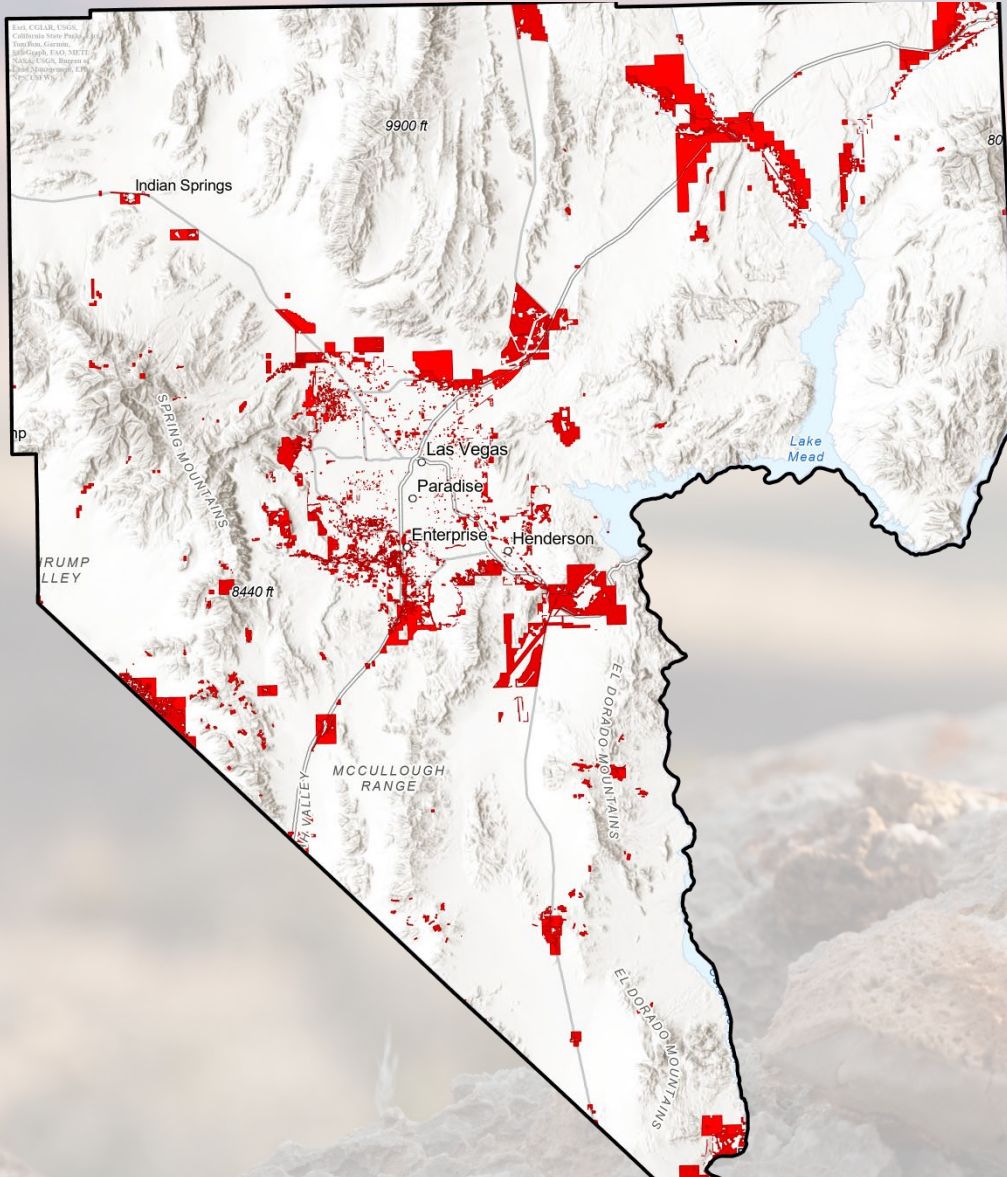
- 129,129 acres reported disturbance
- 89% of Authorized Take
- Average ~4,800 acres of disturbance/year
- 16,741 acres remain under current permit



Total acres reported in this chart do not include acres of municipal development, which were exempt from the payment of mitigation fees through January 2010. Total number of acres of municipal development that were exempted from mitigation fee payment is 15,000 acres.

*Partial year data.

Land Available for Development



- Approximately 90,000 acres of undeveloped BLM land within disposal boundaries
- Approximately 147,000 acres of undeveloped private property across Clark County
- Proposed legislation may add 25,000 acres to the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary (while reducing other disposal boundaries)
- Only 16,741 acres of take (or development) remaining under the current incidental take permit.
- Application will request 215,000 acres of development with a permit term of 50 years

PROCESS AND TIMELINE



Draft MSHCP Amendment application is nearing completion

- Data collection activities and data analyses are underway to finalize the draft
- Draft chapters are being reviewed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Continue to pursue designation of the Reserve System
- Continue to pursue fee increase to fund the plan

PROCESS AND TIMELINE




Public Engagement and Stakeholder Outreach

- Review components of the Proposed MSHCP Amendment
- Solicit feedback and summarize in a report with recommendations for revisions
- Present to the Board of County Commissioners – March/April 2025
- Receive direction on whether to proceed with preparing the final application package and whether to submit it to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Late 2025/Early 2026

PROCESS AND TIMELINE



Notice of Intent  Record of Decision  2 Years

