



desert conservation PROGRAM

Date: December 30, 2011

TO: DISTRIBUTION

RE: DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION NOTIFICATION:
EXPERT ADVICE
2005-USGS-574B

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:

To enhance the Desert Conservation Program's (DCP) Adaptive Management Program through provision of scientific and technical peer review of project products funded by the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation program (MSHCP) for the 2005-2007 and 2007-2009 biennia. United States Geological Survey scientists and other non-agency scientists conducted the peer reviews.

The major accomplishment or findings of this project include:

An average of 100 peer review documents were received in each year of this contract, totaling 462 reviews completed. These reviews included comments on presentations made at annual MSHCP Progress Report Symposia and on written documents produced for and by the DCP. Peer review documents were provided to DCP Project Manager staff and the authors of the reviewed work, and also continue to be used in the design of similar projects to ensure the DCP utilizes lessons learned.

Managing such a process was possible by providing a stipend for the time scientists spent reviewing materials and maintaining a group of eminent scientists in both technical and academic fields that could be solicited to participate in reviews with relatively short turnaround times. This ensured that the peer review process operated effectively and efficiently, with shorter turnaround times than most scientific journals.

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

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If you have any questions, please contact Susan Wainscott at (702) 455-3859.

Sincerely,

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Desert Conservation Program Interested Parties List
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Implementing Agencies
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