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MGS TAG Meeting – 24 February 2016, Pomona CA
Tasks and Action Items

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1. Send Scott Osborn an email encouraging CDFW to complete the MGS Conservation Strategy in a timely manner. Scott will summarize TAG input on this issue for his senior management, with the hope that staff time may be re-prioritized to allow more work on the Conservation Strategy.
2. Provide MGS scat to Liana Aker of Ft. Irwin for use in detection dog training.
3. Use the MGS Bibliography developed by Ed LaRue. Provide new references to Ed as they become available so he can update the bibliography. http://twswest.org/events/2016/mgs_bibliography_2016.pdf
4. Kathy Simon to work with Rich Inman to further characterize climate change-modeled impacts to MGS range side-by-side with recent negative trapping results. The purpose of this analysis would be to determine if the modeled/projected range shifts are consistent with areas that have not had recent detections of MGS.
5. MGS permittees interested in helping collect tissue samples throughout the range of MGS should request authorization in their MOUs. Training and experience under supervision of others is necessary. Send permit amendment requests to Scott Osborn.
6. Phil Leitner and Marjorie Matocq will prepare guidance on tissue collection for trappers. The guidance will rank the most important areas for sample and the number of samples needed at various scales. Marjorie will do the genetic analyses. Phil may act as the clearinghouse for sample vials and samples, or may coordinate with Scott and CDFW's Wildlife Investigations Lab to do this.
7. Scott to talk with CDFW staff and management about revising the trapping protocol to include full trapping sessions rather than cessation upon first capture of supposed MGS. The rationale includes a need to ensure that MGS are not hybrids and to better characterize MGS density onsite and quality of the site.
8. CDFW is to determine what an MGS "clearance survey" is for the purposes of the DRECP. TAG input on this definition is welcome.
9. For the DRECP, address the use/importance of the "Bowling Alley" DFA by MGS within 3 years.
10. The TAG should seek better understanding of the "survey" and "no survey" areas mapped for MGS in the DRECP (Page H-53, Figure H-8, Section H.2.12). **Volunteers needed to review this section and contact Amy Fesnock.**
11. Aga Napiatek and Ed LaRue will gather impact minimization measures for MGS that have been used in the past, summarize and group them, and provide recommendations for improvement. Scott Osborn and Reagen O'Leary will assist (and both Scott and Reagen have compilations of example measures).
12. The TAG will develop a committee to gather information on research funding sources.
13. Scott will conduct a Doodle poll for the Fall TAG meeting in September or October.