Mohave Ground Squirrels Workshop

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DoD Legacy Funded MGS Workshop

- Timing – looking at February 2012 time frame
- Participants – small number of invited participants (DoD installations, Federal agencies, State and Local organizations, Researchers, other stakeholders)
- Location – Local, possibly at the Mojave Desert Preserve office
- Duration – 3 day facilitated workshop
- Agenda – draft is being worked on by small committee to distribute to other stakeholders to get input for final agenda

Funding Use

- A facilitator to lead group discussions
- Travel expenses for participants
- Honoraria for invited speakers
- To develop summary and technical reports
- Misc. expenses

Objectives/Goals

- Bring together stakeholders and recognized experts on ground squirrels to discuss the conservation strategy for MGS
- Review and summarize the current literature for MGS and other ground squirrel species
- Identify important information gaps, research needs, or survey/monitoring requirements
- Make recommendations for biologically and statistically rigorous methods for detecting the presence of MGS and monitoring population trends
- Incorporate workshop findings in the conservation strategy for MGS

Products

- White paper to summarize the goals and objectives of the workshop
- Produce a summary report that highlights workshop findings
- Produce a technical report that details workshop findings and discusses how the information fits into the overall conservation strategy for the MGS
- Distribute workshop information to natural resource managers, regulators, researchers, and other interested parties involved in conservation of MGS through website postings (MDEP, DMG, etc.)