

MGS Conservation Priorities

MGS TAG – Dec 2010

TAG Recommendations

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- 2. Protect Known Core Areas**
 - Little Dixie Wash
 - Coso/Olancha
 - Coolgardie Mesa/Superior Valley
 - Edwards AFB

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- Both north and south ranges of China Lake NAWS
- Interior of Fort Irwin, especially areas surveyed prior to 1996
- Area west and north of Barstow toward Harper Lake and Coolgardie Mesa
- Northeastern corner of Los Angeles County and adjoining areas of San Bernardino County west of US 395
- East of the Mojave River between Barstow and Lucerne Valley
- North-south corridor along US 395 between Ridgecrest and Kramer Junction
- North and east of Searles Dry Lake
- Both sides of Highway 14 between Highway 58 and Red Rock Canyon vicinity

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- 5. Conduct Research to Improve Mohave Ground Squirrel Detection Capabilities**

Not Recommended

- 1. Translocation**
- 2. Captive Breeding**