
Appendix L

L.0 Planning Criteria for the NEMO Planning Effort

The planning criteria for the NEMO planning effort include the following:

- Comply with applicable laws, Executive Orders, and regulations
 - Define the planning area as public lands within the Northern and Eastern Mojave planning area boundary, and the study area as all lands within and immediately adjacent to the planning area
 - Consider all proposals in the context of their consistency with standards and guidelines
 - Develop and implement actions in all alternatives to accomplish the goals and overall objectives of USFWS recovery plans for listed species, to assist in the recovery and delisting of those species as feasible
 - Consider strategies for threatened and endangered species management to make it easier, more efficient, and more cost-effective for public land users to obtain activity and us
 - Conform desert tortoise category boundaries to the proposed Wildlife Management area boundaries. Category I lands are within recovery areas; Category III lands are outside of recovery areas. The USFWS will revise Recovery Unit boundaries and critical habitat designations in the planning area to be consistent with the selected desert tortoise alternative if other than no action
 - Address lands which have been released from wilderness review and are being assigned a multiple-use class as follows
 - Areas of less than 500 acres will be addressed by plan maintenance to be consistent with adjacent lands
 - Areas over 500 acres will be addressed by plan amendment on a case-by-case basis
 - Rely on available inventories and existing resource data in the planning area, as well as ongoing data being collected as part of the range assessment process when available, to reach sound management decisions
 - Designate routes at a minimum in desert tortoise critical habitat and also in the proposed desert tortoise Wildlife Management area (i.e., proposed Category I desert tortoise habitat).
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