

**Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District  
District Advisory Council  
Field Tour Itinerary  
Friday, December 8, 2023 – Palm Springs, CA**

**LOGISTICS:** Members of the public are welcome on field tours but must provide their own transportation and meals.

- Personal vehicles will be used for transportation to and from all locations.
- Field tours are subject to all applicable COVID rules and regulations.
- Please bring water and wear clothing/footwear suitable for expected weather and field visit.
- Individuals who plan to attend must RSVP no later than Friday, Dec. 1 to Kate Miyamoto at [kmiyamoto@blm.gov](mailto:kmiyamoto@blm.gov).

- 8:45 a.m.** Meet in lobby of The Embassy Suites by Hilton Palm Desert, 74-700 Highway 111
- 9:00 a.m.** Depart for Big Morongo Canyon Preserve in the Sand to Snow National Monument  
11055 East Dr, Morongo Valley, CA 92256
- 9:45 a.m.** Arrive at Big Morongo Canyon Preserve (approx. 40 min drive)  
*Discuss Area of Critical Environmental Concern, resource values, birding, cultural significance, recreation and partnerships.*
- 10:45 a.m.** Depart for Mission Creek Preserve
- 11:00 a.m.** Arrive Mission Creek Preserve  
*Discuss Pacific Crest Trail, monument access, non-wilderness parts of the Sand to Snow National Monument*
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch (please bring lunch or have lunch on your own)
- 1:45 p.m.** Meet at Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center,  
51-500 Highway 74, Palm Desert, CA 92260  
*Discuss visitation, new building proposal. Complete a short hike on the Ed Hasty Garden Trail.*
- 3:00 p.m.** Depart Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center for Art  
Smith Trailhead (33°40'06.7"N 116°24'28.8"W)
- 3:05 p.m.** Arrive at Art Smith Trailhead  
*Discuss trail management, seasonal closure, and Tribal and Friends of the Desert Mountains partnership.*
- 4:00 p.m.** Conclude field tour