

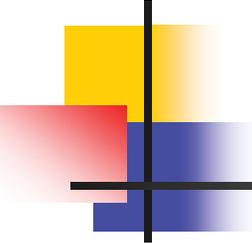
DAC 2011 Strategic Work Plan

Important roles for the DAC

- Source of advice to Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
- Vehicle for public input
- Channel for communication out to constituencies

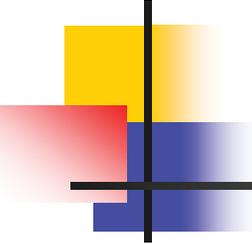
“Critical 3” for DAC attention

1. Effectiveness
2. Timeliness
3. Significance



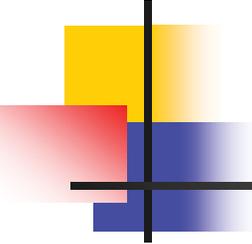
Plan to focus DAC-BLM work

- Establish a key theme for each meeting.
- Target specific issues for DAC input.
- Engage DAC subgroups and BLM staff to prepare in advance.
- Provide clear reporting on how DAC's work has made a difference or why advice could not be applied.



Key themes for DAC advice in 2011

- BLM's approach to engaging the public and public concerns in **renewable energy**.
- Providing safe, quality, and cost-effective **recreation** opportunities in partnership with others.
- Reviewing policies and proposals for **user fees**.
- Developing perspectives about the **larger CA Desert landscape**.



Structure for DAC meetings

- Receive updates from BLM and other agencies on activities in the CA Desert
- Focus on selected theme and major issues
- Confirm theme, issues, and preparation for next meeting
- Gain input from DAC and public about other concerns

Renewable Energy

Key issues for DAC	Preparation	Date and Location
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What issues need more attention in the existing EIS and DRECP processes? 2. What are your perspectives about how renewable energy relates to overall CA Desert program? 3. What is the adequacy of public input opportunities in the EIS and DRECP processes? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Briefings from BLM on PEIS and DRECP processes. [complete] b. Reports from DAC members about projects. [complete] c. Review from DFO about how DAC input has influenced DFO's actions. [forthcoming] 	<p>March 26 Victorville</p>

Recreation

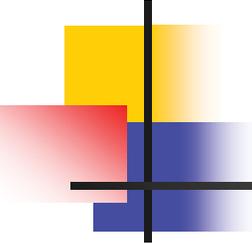
Key issues for DAC	Preparation	Date and Location
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the successes, challenges, and opportunities to improve safety, quality, and cost-effectiveness of recreation? 2. What are opportunities to increase use of volunteers and expand partnerships? 3. What other forms of recreation in the CA Desert need attention? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report from SRP Subcommittee. [complete] b. Reports from ISDRA, Dumont Dunes, and El Mirage Subgroups. [needed] c. Further work by BLM internal SRP task force, including best practices from other areas. d. Ongoing input from proposed SRP Subgroup to DAC. 	<p>June 4 San Diego</p>

User Fees

Key issues for DAC	Preparation	Date and Location
<p>[preliminary, pending further guidance from BLM DC]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's working and what needs improvement for BLM's user fee policies in the CA Desert? • What feedback does the DAC have about current fee schedules and any proposed changes? • What are suggestions for ways that BLM can communicate and administer fees more effectively? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Guidance from BLM DC about role of RACs in advising about fees. [in process]. b. Overview about current BLM user fee policies in the CA Desert. c. Advance notice of any planned changes in user fees. d. Review ISDRA, Dumont and El Mirage policies and fee schedules. 	<p>[proposed] September Ridgecrest</p>

Larger CA Desert Landscape

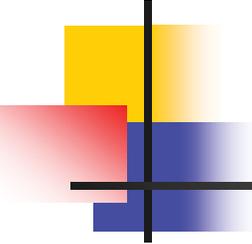
Key issues for DAC	Preparation	Date and Location
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What suggestions do DAC members have about role of CA Desert in the National Landscape Conservation System? 2. What are the key messages that the public needs to receive about the CA Desert? 3. How can BLM, DAC, and constituencies better communicate the messages? 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Briefing about the National Landscape Conservation System, including definition and roles of units. b. Reports from DAC members about dimensions of CA Desert not covered in other themes. c. Perspectives from BLM leadership about future directions and opportunities. 	<p>[proposed] November/ December Pt. Vicente Visitor Center (Palos Verdes peninsula)</p>



Focus for ISDRA and Dumont Subgroups in 2011

Major issues:

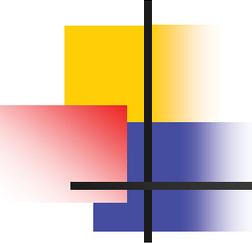
1. Input on (a) successes, challenges, and opportunities to improve safety, quality, and cost-effectiveness of recreation and (b) opportunities to increase use of volunteers and expand partnerships *for June DAC meeting*
 2. Review of BLM fee policies and fee schedules *for September DAC meeting*
 3. Discuss area-specific operational issues.
- BLM staff to establish templates for information and advice desired.



Advice to boost public engagement

Suggestions for BLM consideration:

1. Create an input opportunity on website for public comment to DAC on topics.
2. Inform public via webinars or other means on ways for public to participate in NEPA process.
3. With DAC discussion items, identify productive ways for public to provide input.
4. Summarize DAC advice and provide a log on web site to track BLM responses.



Key Factors for DAC-BLM Success

- Shared understanding and direction.
- Clear requests from DFO to DAC.
- Advance preparation with lead time for review.
- Opportunities for “outside of the box” thinking.
- Targeted tours focused on key issues.
- Clear feedback from BLM on responses to advice.