



# Agenda

6:00 pm: WELCOME

6:15 pm: Presentation

6:45 pm: Open House

7:30 pm: Public Forum

9:00 pm: Doors Close



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# West Mojave Plan Amendment and Supplemental EIS

## Overview Briefing

*California Desert District Office – Moreno Valley, California*



# WHY ARE WE HERE?

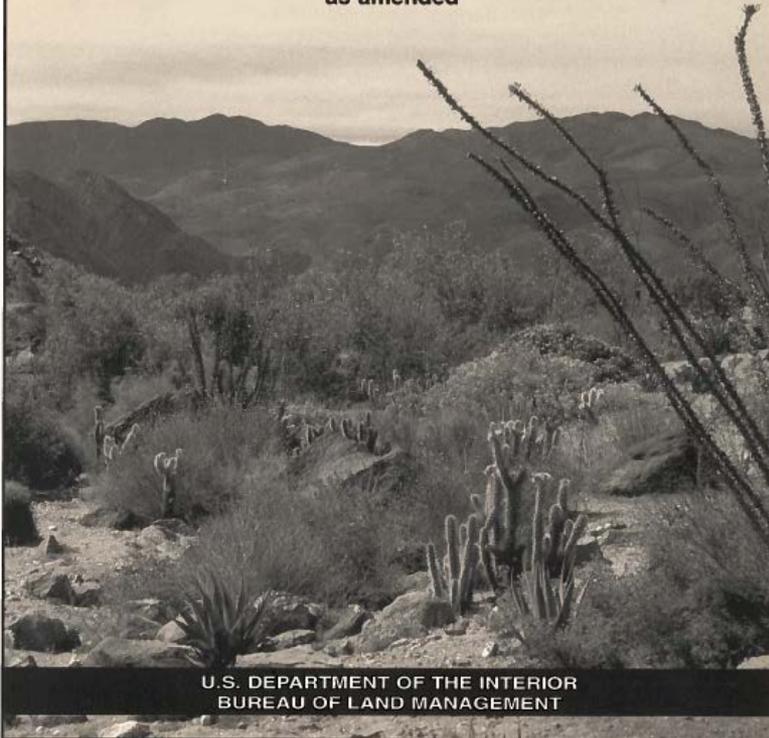
Changes to the CDCA Plan  
are being considered  
to travel management  
and grazing management  
on public lands in this area





*the California  
Desert*

CONSERVATION AREA PLAN 1980  
as amended



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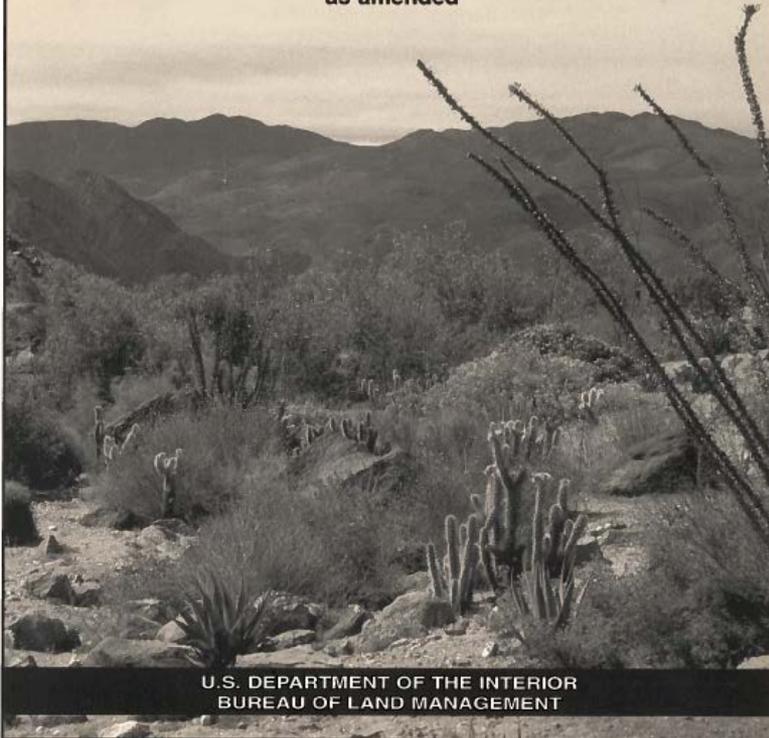
**1980 CDCA PLAN  
MOTOR VEHICLE  
ACCESS ELEMENT**

Provide for  
constrained motorized  
vehicle access in a  
manner that balances  
the needs of all desert  
users, private  
landowners and other  
public resources



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## 1980 CDCA PLAN GRAZING ELEMENT

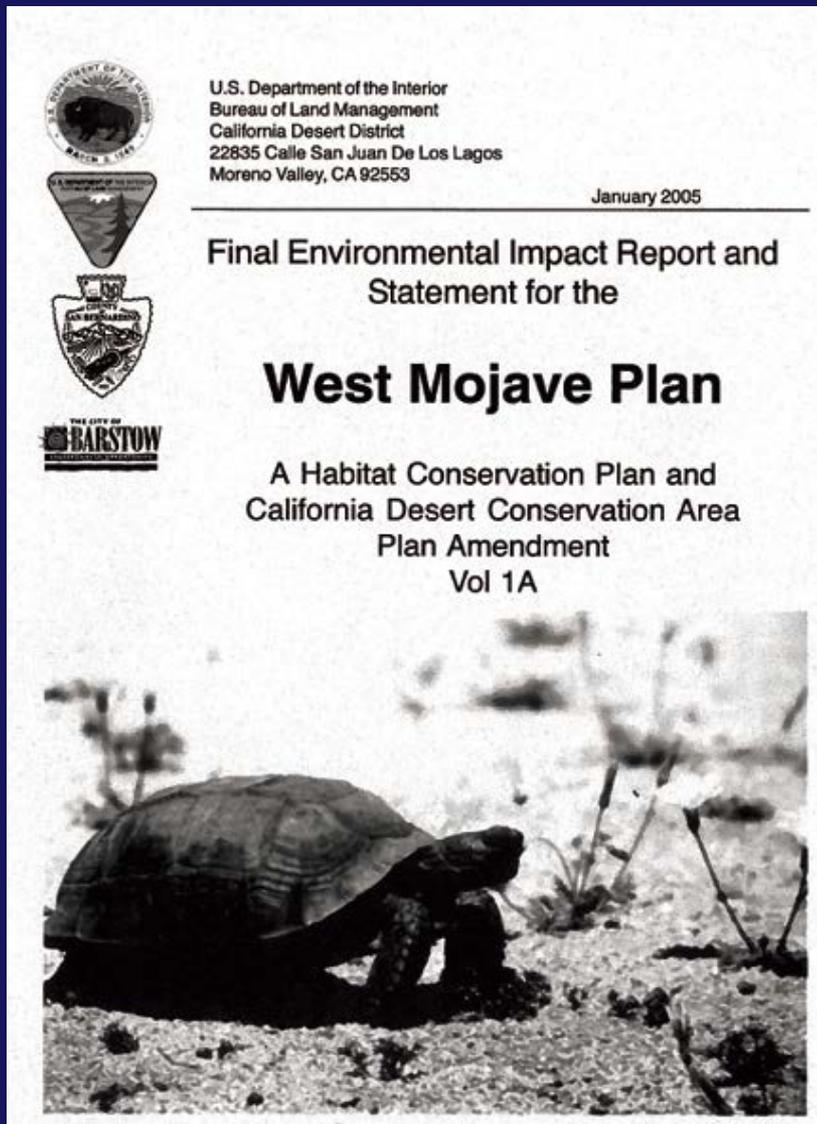
Satisfy grazing needs on public lands, while maintaining good or excellent range conditions, and adjusting to meet resource objectives



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WEST  
MOJAVE  
PLANNING  
AREA  
within  
CDCA



## WEST MOJAVE PLAN March 2006

- \* 9.4 million acres
- \* 3.2 million acres  
public lands
- \* BLM Field Offices:  
Barstow  
Ridgecrest  
Needles  
Palm Springs



# Field Offices In WEMO Planning Area





# RECORD OF DECISION



U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
California Desert District  
22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos  
Moreno Valley, CA 92553

January 2005



Final Environmental Impact Report and  
Statement for the

## West Mojave Plan

A Habitat Conservation Plan and  
California Desert Conservation Area  
Plan Amendment  
Vol 1A



- \* Designated Routes
- \* Set Parameters on Livestock Grazing
- \* Adopted Proactive Measures to Conserve Species in the West Mojave Area



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5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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8 CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, No. C 06-4884 SI  
9 Plaintiff, **ORDER RE: REMEDY**  
10 v.  
11 US BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT,  
12 Defendant.

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14 The Court's September 28, 2009 Order Re: Summary Judgment Motions found that defendants  
15 violated the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") and the Federal Land Policy Management  
16 Act ("FLPMA") in adopting the March 2006 Western Mojave management plan amendment ("2006  
17 ROD"), but that the defendants did not violate the Endangered Species Act. After unsuccessful  
18 settlement talks, the parties agreed to a briefing schedule for determining the appropriate remedy in this  
19 matter, including the terms of a vacatur of the decision, the terms of any remand, and any injunctive  
20 relief during the remand period. The parties submitted full briefing, including exhibits and declarations  
21 in support of their respective positions, and on September 3, 2010, the Court held a hearing on plaintiffs'  
22 motion for partial vacatur and injunctive relief. Upon consideration of the voluminous record and the  
23 arguments of counsel at the hearing, the Court makes the following findings and enters this Order.

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25 **BACKGROUND**

26 In the September 28, 2009 summary judgment order, the Court held that (1) the "decision tree"  
27 that the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") used to designate Off Highway Vehicle ("OHV") routes  
28 was flawed because it did not comply with regulations mandating that the BLM consider various

# Court Decisions

Order Re:  
Summary Judgment Motions  
September 28, 2009

Order Re: Remedy  
January 28, 2011



# West Mojave Route Network Project Key Components

- Update the Transportation Inventory on Public Lands & evaluate all routes in the EIS analysis
- Update Transportation Goals through a CDCA Plan Amendment
- Update Grazing Management Strategies in Desert Tortoise Habitat through a CDCA Plan Amendment
- Adopt a transportation and travel network on public lands
- Update the West Mojave EIS Analysis



## 2012 WMRNP Route Inventory

- Updates route inventory to assure most accurate and comprehensive information to date
- Also reflects substantial improvements in technical accuracy, land acquisitions, and uses better aerial photography
- Incorporates DAC and other public local knowledge
- Consists of routes that have some evidence of recent past or current use, including features that may have been developed after 1980



## Grazing Alternatives

- No Action: 2006 West Mojave Strategies
- Alt 2: Also Eliminates grazing in DWMA, including Active allotments
- ★ Alt 3: Also Eliminates grazing in Inactive, Vacant Allotments in Desert Tortoise Habitat. No further affect to other allotments
- Alt 4: Also Eliminates grazing in Inactive, Vacant Allotments In DWMA. No further affect to other allotments
- ★ Preferred Alternative



# Travel Management Alternatives

- No Action: CDCA Plan with 2006 WEMO Plan
- Alt 2: A through-network with connectivity that reduces recreational & other access opportunities
- ★ Alt 3: A multi-purpose network that increases recreational & other access opportunities
- Alt 4: A multi-purpose network that retains current recreational and access opportunities
- ★ Preferred Alternative



# Travel Management Plans

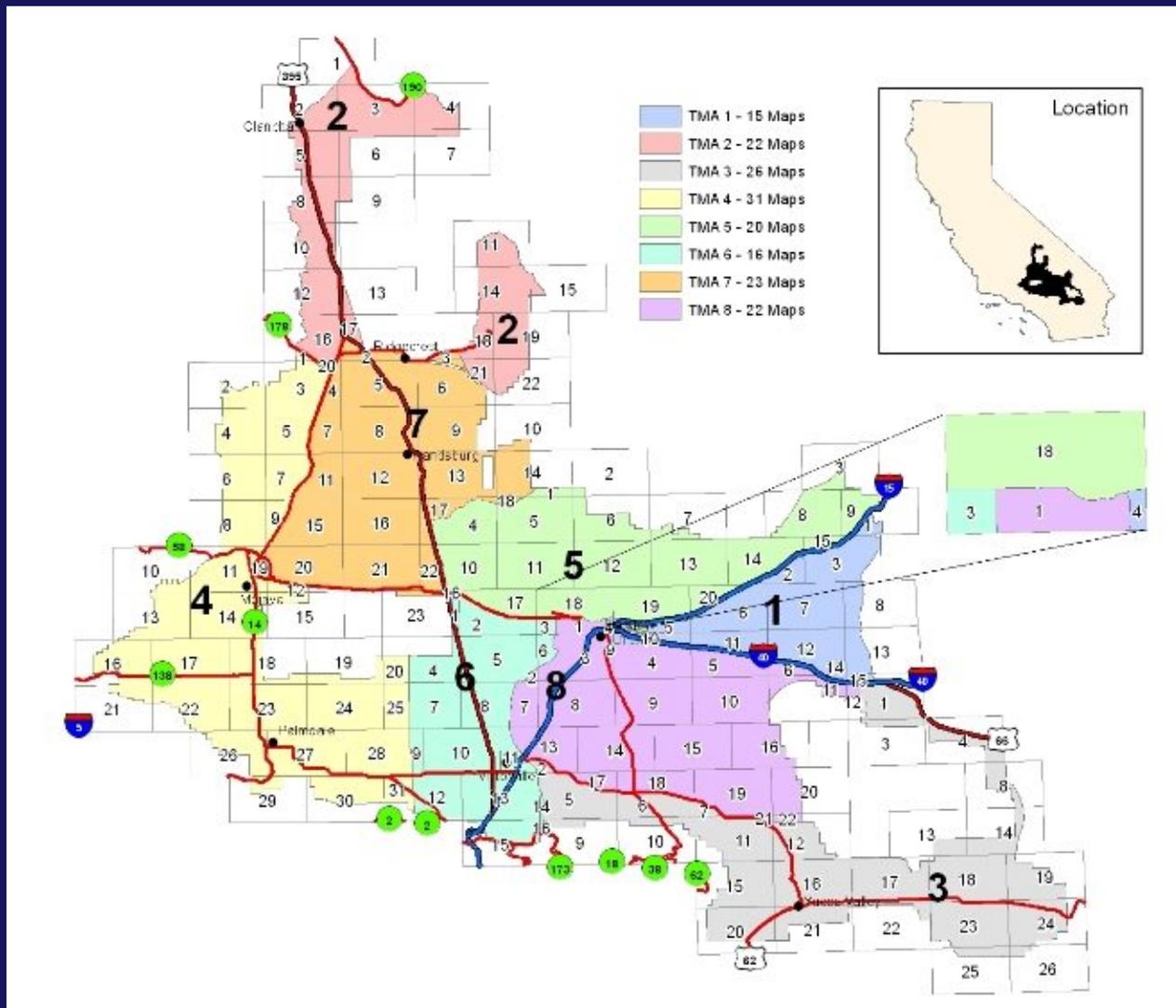
## What are they?

- Implementation Plans
- Designate routes in a “Travel Management Area”
- Travel Management Areas can be based on geography, issues, and/or network connectivity
- Include Mitigation Measures to minimize impacts
- Include Monitoring, Restoration, Enforcement , Educational and Maintenance Strategies



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# West Mojave Travel Management Areas





## WMRNP Preferred Alternative

- Maintains grazing in active allotments
- Reallocates forage in inactive and vacant allotments to wildlife and ecosystem values
- Addresses a range of Recreational & Access Needs, Interests, and Opportunities
- Imposes additional Stopping, Camping and Parking limits to enhance cultural and natural values
- Approximately 10,000 miles of inventoried routes are proposed as available for use and access to the Public Lands
- Consistent and complementary with DRECP

West Mojave (WEMO) Route Network Project and Plan Amendment

www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west\_mojave\_\_wemo.html

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**West Mojave (WEMO) Route Network Project and Plan Amendment**

The West Mojave Route Network Project (WMRNP) is a travel management planning effort covering 9.24 million acres in the [West Mojave area](#) of the California desert. Approximately 3.1 million acres in the planning area are public lands managed by the BLM. The WMRNP supplements the 2006 West Mojave Plan. The supplemental plan has two broad sets of goals:

**Access Management**  
 The plan identifies an overall travel and transportation management strategy, implementation framework, and access network for public lands users in the West Mojave portion of the California Desert.

**Livestock Grazing**  
 The plan identifies additional livestock grazing alternatives that may enhance long-term conservation goals identified in the 2006 West Mojave Plan.

The planning area covers the western portion of the Mojave Desert in southern California including parts of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Kern, Inyo, and a small portion of Riverside Counties. The plan applies to public lands in the planning area, and the travel management strategies apply on lands that are available for motorized and mechanized travel on designated routes only, totalling approximately 2.35 million acres. Other public lands in the planning area may be in closed areas, such as wilderness, or in open areas, such as OHV Open Areas. Closed and open areas have existing area-specific travel management guidance, policies, or plans.

The WMRNP supplemental EIS will form the framework for route designation in the West Mojave area, consistent with the rest of the West Mojave Plan. The plan amendment will also address inconsistencies in the language between the CDCA and the West Mojave Plan.

In addition, travel management plans are being prepared to designate specific routes in various portions of the West Mojave and implement the route network.

**Draft West Mojave Route Network Plan and DEIS**

**Draft West Mojave Route Network Plan and Draft Supplemental EIS, February 2015**

**Interactive Alternative Maps (PDF)**  
*Please note: Microsoft Internet Explorer is required to access SFTA (optimized for 7.0; accessible in later versions with Compatibility View Enabled).*

1. Interactive Alternative Maps are located on our ftp site. <https://www.blm.gov/sfta/anonymous/anonymousLogin.do>
2. Follow the instructions on this site to obtain access, then follow this path:
  - pub
  - CA
  - gis
  - FieldOffices
  - CaliforniaDesertDistrict
3. Select any of the WEMO\_Map\_Route\_Alternatives files
4. Click the Get Selection(s) button
5. Save or open the .zip files

*If you would like assistance working with the pdf maps, please call (951) 697-5258. You may also request a CD of all the maps by calling our office at (760) 252-6021.*

**WEMO Court Mandates**

**Supplemental Maps**

**West Mojave Route Network DAC Subgroup**

www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html

# Webpage

- \* Draft SEIS
- \* Interactive Maps
- \* Comment Info and Link

[http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west\\_mojave\\_\\_wemo.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/west_mojave__wemo.html)



# Planning Schedule

- BLM will publish the proposed Final Plan Amendment and FSEIS July 2015
- BLM will publish the proposed Travel Management Plans July 2015
- There will be a 45-day comment period on the proposed Travel Management Plans
- BLM will sign the Record of Decision by September 30, 2015



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# COMMENT DEADLINE

ALL COMMENTS MUST BE

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