

MOJAVE DESERT INITIATIVE

MDI

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

- BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
- NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
- U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
- DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
- NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
- UTAH DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES
- ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Mojave Desert Initiative was established as a forum for government agencies and other partners to collaboratively address wildfire and invasive species issues within a defined eco-region of the northeast Mojave Desert in Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

GOALS

- **Protect** Remaining Unburned Mojave Desert Vegetation and Reduce Re-burning.
- **Restore** Strategically Located Islands, Key Habitat Areas, and Corridors.
- Improve Communication, Collaboration, and Coordination.
- Maximize Leveraged Funding.

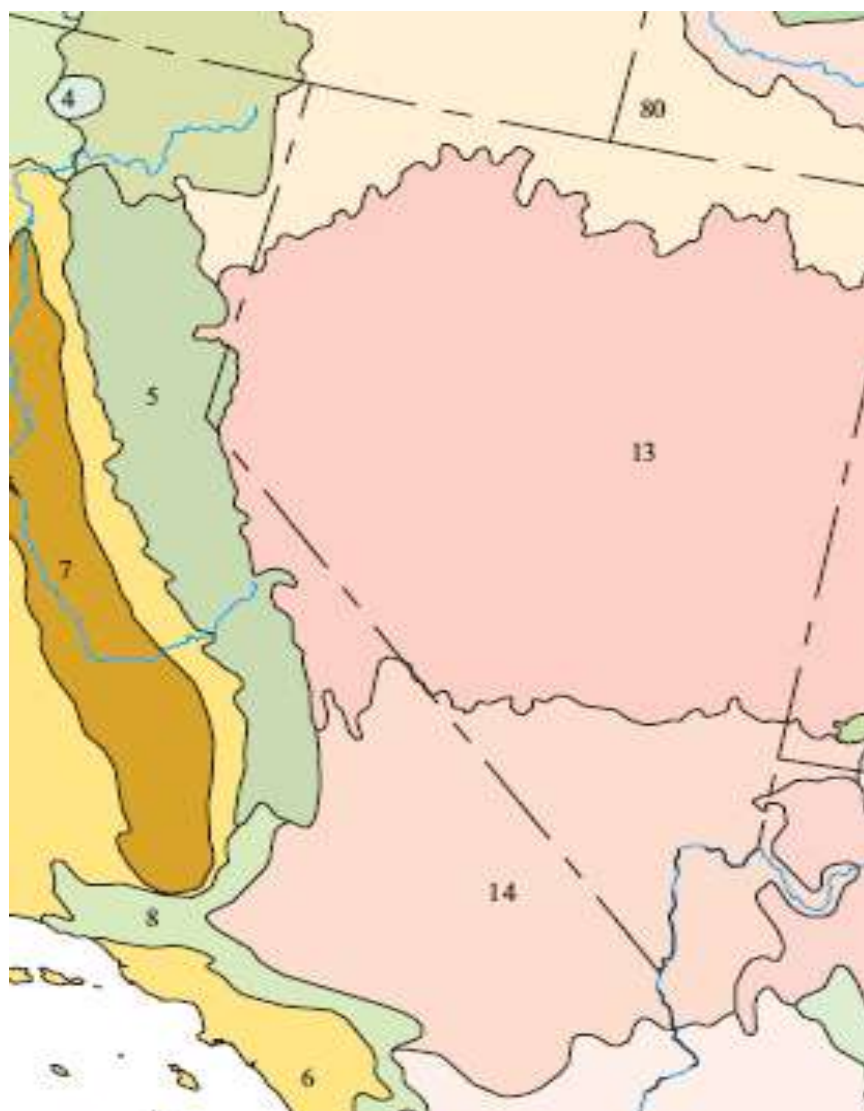
ACTIONS

- Develop regional priorities and guidance for Incident Commanders to minimize or avoid further habitat loss to fire.
- Define the Mojave Desert Eco-region for the Mojave Desert Initiative purpose.
- Complete regional assessment to identify priority areas of work, and develop project selection criteria.

MDI ECO-REGION

The defined eco-region is based on a modified version of the U.S. EPA level III sub-regions, and further refined by local knowledge of site specific conditions.

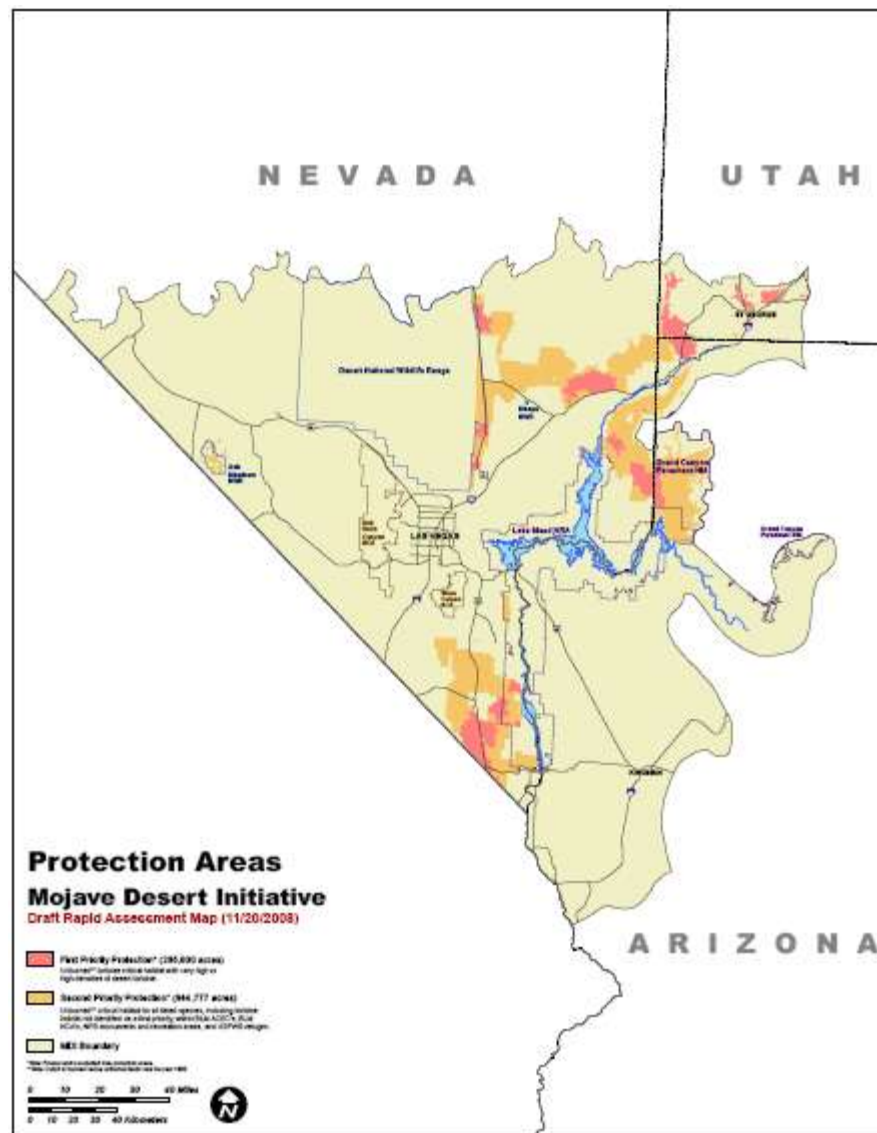
Level III Ecoregions of the Continental United States



14. Mojave Basin and Range

REGIONAL ASSESSMENT

- The following Protection and Restoration slides illustrate data layers that have been identified for protection and restoration based upon priority. High density unburned desert tortoise critical habitat would be the first priority; unburned critical habitat for all listed species not included in priority one within BLM NCA's, BLM & NPS monuments, NPS recreation areas, and USFWS refuges, would be the second priority. Restoration and Protection use similar priority criteria.



IMPLEMENTATION

- Identify, prioritize, and develop potential projects across the MDI defined eco-region.
- Potential projects may include; fuel breaks, green stripping, seeding, plantings, pre-emergent herbicide, etc.