

## Community Focus Statement B: Preserve the natural environment in and around Morongo Valley

# B

**Action Statement B.1: Coordinate with the Bureau of Land Management, San Bernardino County, and local community groups to protect the natural resources in the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, and to protect additional resources that support the preserve's ecosystem.**

**Benchmark:** Partnerships established between Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, BLM, San Bernardino County, and local environmental groups to organize conservation efforts, improve the understanding of challenges facing the desert ecosystem, and the importance of addressing these issues.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** \$15,000 - \$100,000; dependent upon consulting resources needed.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Partner with BLM, San Bernardino County, and other community organizations, to develop a conservation plan and identify threats to the desert ecosystem.	Champion with Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, in coordination with BLM	Month 1	Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve <a href="http://www.bigmorongo.org/">http://www.bigmorongo.org/</a>  Mojave Desert Land Trust <a href="https://www.mdlt.org/">https://www.mdlt.org/</a>
2. Identify the desert habitats, wildlife corridors, and native plants and animals within the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve and adjacent natural habitats to be included in preservation plans.	Champion with Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, in coordination with BLM	Month 2 – 6	US Bureau of Land Management <a href="https://www.blm.gov/california">https://www.blm.gov/california</a>  EXAMPLE: Yosemite Conservancy <a href="https://www.yosemiteconservancy.org/">https://www.yosemiteconservancy.org/</a>
3. Draft and adopt the desert conservation plan that outlines proposed goals and policies to protect the desert environment.	Champion with Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, in coordination with BLM	Month 6 – 18	
4. Continue partnerships and relationships with organizations, agencies, and community members, and visitors to promote knowledge and awareness on the desert habitat.	Champion with Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve	On-going	