

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

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Action Statement B.2: Protect the wildlife corridors in Morongo Valley from development and other habitat disruptions to preserve the biological integrity of the broader Morongo Basin ecosystem.

Benchmark: A desert conservation plan for the community is prepared with focus on Big Morongo Canyon Preserve, and partnerships between environmental organizations and citizens are created.

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

Estimated Cost: \$5,000

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Partner with local environmental organizations to establish the Morongo Valley Environmental Coalition, a group focused on developing a desert conservation plan for efforts to protect the desert habitat and its native plants and wildlife.	Community members, Morongo Valley Environmental Organizations to form the Morongo Valley Environmental Coalition	Month 1	Mojave Desert Land Trust https://www.mdlt.org/ Example: Yosemite Conservancy https://www.yosemiticonservancy.org/
2. Select a member to serve as desert conservation plan lead to provide leadership to the committee and be the point of contact for related topics and issues.	Morongo Valley Environmental Coalition	Month 1	
3. Identify the desert habitats, wildlife corridors, and native plants and animals within the Morongo Valley community to be included in the desert conservation plan.	Morongo Valley Environmental Coalition	Month 2	
4. Develop key partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies as well as desert community members and visitors to promote the desert conservation plan and receive feedback from the community.	Morongo Valley Environmental Coalition	Months 3 – 5	
5. Draft and adopt the desert conservation plan that outlines proposed goals and policies to protect the desert environment.	Morongo Valley Environmental Coalition	Months 3 – 8	
6. Continue partnerships and relationships with organizations, agencies, community members, and visitors to promote knowledge and awareness on the desert habitat.	Morongo Valley Environmental Coalition	On-going	