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BLM Field Tour & DAC Meeting
December 14–15, 2018
Ridgecrest, CA

Advisory councils such as the **Desert District Advisory Council (DAC)** provide advice and recommendations for the **BLM** to consider on resource and land management issues administered by the **BLM**. The Councils are sounding boards for **BLM** initiatives, regulatory proposals, and policy changes. Each citizen-based council consists of 10 to 15 members who reflect diverse interests in local communities, and based in part on public input they assist in developing council recommendations that address public land management issues. **Randy Banis** (Editor@DeathValley.com) is the current **DAC Chairman**, and he also represents Recreational interests, which includes Rockhounding.

The **DAC** has not been convened for a public meeting since March 2018, when a special mid-week meeting was hastily organized to address a possible plan-level review of the largest land use plan amendment in California state history, the **Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP)**.

By the meeting of December 15th, 2018, the **DAC** will not have met for a regular public meeting in 22 months, so the meeting may be expected to run long if the public is provided adequate opportunity to comment on what should be an extensive backlog of agenda items, some of which may be vigorously debated.

If you have agenda you would like to have discussed, you should contact Randy Banis (Editor@DeathValley.com) and Stephen Razo (srazo@blm.gov) ASAP to communicate your interests and get your topic scheduled.

SDMG's public lands representative, **Lisbet Thoresen**, will prepare a memo to the **DAC** and **BLM** asking for discussion/status updates on 1.) WEMO, 2.) DRECP, and 3.) Management Plan for Mojave Trails National Monument. If you would like to discuss these or other issues to bring before the **DAC**, you can contact **Lisbet** by December 6th at editor@sdmg.org.

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BLM Field Tour

Date: Friday, December 14, 2017

Time: 10:00am to 5:00pm

Meeting location: Ridgecrest Field Office
300 S. Richmond Road
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

**California Desert District
Advisory Council (DAC) meeting**

Date: Saturday, December 15, 2018

Time: 8:00am to 5:00pm

Meeting venue: Clarion Inn
Conference Room
901 N. China Lake Blvd.
Ridgecrest, CA 93555

Members of the public are welcome. They must provide their own transportation, meals and beverages. Final agendas for the Friday field trip and the Saturday business meeting will be posted on the BLM website when finalized at:

<https://go.usa.gov/xPFat>

Written comments may be filed in advance of the December 15th public meeting (see mailing address below). Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

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at the DAC meeting, be sure to provide:
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cite the name, city and size of your club as well as
your role such as member or officer title*