

4.0 Assembling the MSHCP Conservation Area



TABLE 4-2 (Continued)

Area Plan and Associated Cities	Acreage Range
Temescal Canyon	
Unincorporated County	3,020-5,360
Corona	330-610
Total	3,350-5,970
The Pass	
Unincorporated County	1,670-2,730
Banning	50-90
Beaumont	5,440-9,060
Calimesa	1,240-2,240
Total	8,400-14,120
Cities of Riverside and Norco	
Norco	60-140
Riverside	50-130
Total	110-270

4.4 THE ROLE OF FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS IN RESERVE ASSEMBLY

Sensitive species and their Habitats are public resources; the benefits of protecting these resources accrue broadly to the citizens of the state and the nation. The federal and state governments have acknowledged their role in Habitat Conservation and agree to assist in creating an MSHCP Conservation Area that reduces or avoids the need to list additional species and contributes to the recovery of Covered Species. Through the MSHCP and its Implementing Agreement with the participating jurisdictions and special districts, the federal and state governments have agreed to partner with the participating local jurisdictions and the private sector in assembling, managing, and monitoring the MSHCP Conservation Area. The federal and state governments will undertake the following actions:

- Provide for the Conservation and management of Covered Species and their Habitats on approximately 282,000 acres of existing federal and state lands, excluding military lands;

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- Acquire approximately 56,000 acres of privately owned lands in the Criteria Area from willing sellers of which approximately 6,000 acres will be mitigation for State Permittees;
- Manage federal and state lands; and
- Participate in the monitoring program.

4.4.1 Existing Federal and State Lands

Federal lands within the Plan Area include lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

➤ U.S. Forest Service

The USFS lands within the MSHCP Plan Area include portions of Cleveland and San Bernardino National Forests, including all or part of the San Mateo Canyon Wilderness, Agua Tibia Wilderness, San Geronio Wilderness Management Area, and San Jacinto Wilderness. Congress has directed the USFS to manage national forests for multiple uses and benefits, including protection and management of natural resources; forestry and range land management and research; and community assistance and cooperation with state and local governments.

➤ U.S. Bureau of Land Management

The BLM manages Habitat lands in the region for multiple objectives, such as resource protection, grazing, mineral extraction, and recreation. BLM lands occur throughout the Plan Area, including small parcels ranging from one to 40 acres in size.

➤ State of California

The State of California administers important habitat lands within the Plan Area, including lands managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), California State University (CSU), and the Regents of the University of California (UC Regents). The UC Regents administer the Motte Rimrock and Box Springs Reserves, which allow limited public access, as research and instructional sites.