



Mojave Desert Native Plant Program

2022 Webinar Series

During 2022, the Mojave Desert Native Plant Program is hosting a series of webinars on native plant restoration, native plant materials, and related concerns such as drought. These presentations are open to all, and will be recorded for those unable to join at the scheduled times. Here are the first three webinars of the year. A Teams link will be provided to registrants.

To register, please email Judy Perkins, Mojave Desert Ecoregional Coordinator: jlperkins@blm.gov

2022 Winter Webinar Schedule:



January 19, 3:00 p.m. PST: “Rock, Dibbler, Critters: Comparing Methods for Building Restoration Islands in Burned Mojave Desert Habitat” - Lesley DeFalco, Ph.D., U.S. Geological Survey, Western Ecological Research Center-Henderson Field Station.

Increasing wildfire size and frequency in the Mojave, combined with invasive annual grasses, create challenges for restoring native plants. Dr. DeFalco will present results from a post-fire restoration research project in the Mojave.

February 16, 3:00 p.m. PST: “Climate and Variability in Monsoonal Rains” - Nina Hemphill, Bureau of Land Management, California State Office.

Widespread drought impacted native plants across most of the Mojave Desert in 2021. Ms. Hemphill will share information on climate and drought in the Mojave, which have implications for native plant communities and restoration.

March 14, 3:00 p.m. PDT: “Harnessing Soil Biota to Improve Dryland Restoration” - Justin Valliere, Ph.D., California State University, Dominguez Hills, Department of Biology.

Soil microbial communities play an important role in native plant communities and have the potential to improve restoration success. Dr. Valliere will present his research, including new work in the Mojave Desert.