

Desert Survivors – HOW WE WORK

Our mission is to experience, share and protect the desert — a beautiful and unique environment deserving of respect in its own right and for the species and habitats it contains.

Experience

Take people to the desert. Acting on the principle that people will save what they know and love, lead guided trips to take people to the desert environment for firsthand experience.

Foster responsibility, knowledge, and appreciation for the desert environment.

Teach skills for desert survival and safety.

Expand membership each year. Cultivate trip leaders who can safely and effectively lead desert travel.

Share

Educate about the desert: in public forums, slideshows, online media, and our magazine, *The Survivor*.

Share first-hand experience and provide informed testimony on specific desert issues where needed.

Spread the word for members and nonmembers alike through social events: an Annual Meeting, gatherings, and parties.

Protect

Develop working relations with desert management agencies and personnel.

Do service work on desert lands.

Help develop management plans for federal and state desert lands through input and comments, alliances with other groups, and member participation in public hearings and meetings.

Respond to governmental administrative actions: Notices of Proposed Action, Categorical Exclusions, Environmental Assessments, and Environmental Impact Statements.

Maintain and strengthen legislation to protect the desert. Ask government agencies to enforce existing laws that protect the desert.

Participate in litigation where necessary and appropriate.