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This pamphlet was prepared to be of assistance to the user in locating United States organizations which have information in the area of desertification (arid lands, deserts and/or semi-arid lands).

The organizations listed in this publication represent a sampling of those who are registered as sources with the United Nations Environment Program's International Referral System (UNEP/IRS).

If additional information is desired regarding desertification sources, environmental sources in other areas, or general information about UNEP/IRS, please contact the United States International Environmental Referral Center:

ADDRESS: Director
 United States International Environmental
 Referral Center (PM-213)
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 401 M Street, S.W. (Room 2902 WSM)
 Washington, D. C. 20460

TELEPHONE: (202) 755-1836

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ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF ORGANIZATIONS

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT--NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY

Contact: Director, Library Services
National Agricultural Library
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Telephone No: (301) 344-3778

Desertification
Subject Areas: Arid Lands

Description of Source: Library resources available in Agriculture and broadly related areas especially as related to the programs and services of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT--AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
CROPS RESEARCH LABORATORY

Contact: William Laycock
Research Leader
Crops Research Laboratory
Agriculture Dept--Agricultural Research Service
c/o Colorado State University
Fort Collins, Colorado 80523

Telephone No: (303) 484-8777

Desertification
Subject Areas: Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: Research on ecology, physiology, management and manipulation of short grass (Blue Grama) rangeland on central high plains (cattle grazing, breeding of cicer milk vetch and dry land alfalfa, fertilizers, herbicides, grazing management).

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT--AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
IMPERIAL VALLEY CONSERVATION RESEARCH CENTER

Contact: Dr. Burl D. Meek
Location Leader
Imperial Valley Conservation Research Center
Agriculture Dept--Agricultural Research Service
4151 Highway 86
Brawley, California 92227

Telephone No: (714) 344-4184

Desertification
Subject Areas: Deserts

Description of Source: Conducts field and laboratory experiments in the areas of plant breeding, soil and water management. Most of the research findings are of the type that can be applied directly to field conditions. Results of experiments are published in scientific journals and popular type magazines.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT--AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
JORNADA EXPERIMENTAL RANGE

Contact: Dr. C. H. Herbel
Research Leader
Jornada Experimental Range
Agriculture Dept--Agricultural Research Service
P. O. Box 698
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001

Telephone No: (505) 646-1709

Desertification
Subject Areas: Arid Lands; Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: Maintains a continuous record of vegetation, stocking and weather. Current studies include ecology, physiology, grazing management, animal production and hydrology of arid rangelands; control of mesquite creosotebush and tarbush; and revegetation.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT--AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
SOUTHWEST WATERSHED RESEARCH CENTER

Contact: Kenneth G. Renard
Southwest Watershed Research Center
Agriculture Dept--Agricultural Research Service
442 East Seventh Street
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Telephone No: (602) 792-6381

Desertification

Subject Areas: Arid Lands; Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: Conducts research on water resource problems of arid and semi-arid areas in southwestern United States. Work is done on most facets of hydrology plus range plant nutrition, brush control, grazing effects on rangeland environments, pollution from rangelands and erosion/sedimentation control.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT--AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH SERVICE
U.S. WATER CONSERVATION LABORATORY

Contact: Dr. Herman Bower
Director, U.S. Water Conservation Laboratory
Agriculture Dept--Agricultural Research Service
4331 East Broadway
Phoenix, Arizona 85040

Telephone No: (602) 261-4356

Desertification

Subject Areas: Arid Lands

Description of Source: Major research projects are: water harvesting, evaporation control, irrigation management, automation trickle irrigation, remote sensing of soil water and crop water use, closed greenhouses, efficiency of water use by plants, and renovating sewage by groundwater recharge.

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT--FOREST SERVICE
PACIFIC COAST FOREST RESEARCH NETWORK

Contact: T. B. Yerke
PACFORNET Coordinator
Pacific Coast Forest Research Network
Agriculture Department--Forest Service
1960 Addison Street
Berkeley, California 94701

Telephone No: (415) 486-3173

Desertification
Subject Areas: Arid Lands

Description of Source: PACFORNET, a library-based information network, serves forest and wildland managers in five Pacific Coast States. Its Monthly Alert cumulates into a computer searchable data base for many aspects of its regions forest management.

AMERICAN GEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE

Contact: John Mulvihill
American Geological Institute
5205 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, Virginia 22041

Telephone No: (703) 379-2480

Desertification
Subject Areas: Deserts

Description of Source: Consists of 18 earth science societies with a membership of 36,000 scientists. Produces GEOREF, the world's largest earth science bibliographic data base, with 300,000 entries. Publishes GEOTIMES--the news magazine for earth sciences.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Contact: F. J. MacDonald
FAILA Executive Vice President
American Institute of Landscape Architects
6810 N. 2nd Place
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Telephone No: (602) 277-0096

Desertification

Subject Areas: Arid Lands; Deserts

Description of Source: Information on landscape design, land planning, environmental studies, parks and recreation planning, city planning, arid and tropical gardens, community and site planning, irrigation systems, land use, interior landscape design and plant material selection.

BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE--PACIFIC NORTHWEST LABORATORIES
ECOSYSTEMS DEPARTMENT

Contact: Dr. H. E. Vaughan
Ecosystems Department
Battelle Memorial Institute--Pacific
Northwest Laboratories
P. O. Box 999
Richland, Washington 99352

Telephone No: (509) 942-3602

Desertification

Subject Areas: Arid Lands

Description of Source: Marine freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems analysis and assessment of effects of energy related effluents.

CALIFORNIA PLANNING AND RESEARCH OFFICE

Contact: Director
California Planning and Research Office
Office of the Governor
1400 10th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

Telephone No: (916) 322-2318

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts

Description of Source: State planning and clearinghouse to develop mutually supportive plans and programs for planning and decision-making processes. Community assistance to local governments in planning and management capabilities and personnel resources. Provides research capability to Governor and staff.

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION

Contact: Dr. Whitman Bassow
Center for International Environment Information
United Nations Association of the United States
300 East 42nd Street
New York, New York 10017

Telephone No: (212) 699-3232

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands

Description of Source: Reports on environmental developments in various countries, including legislation, problems, issues, new technology research and national action programs. Areas include energy management of natural resources, water resources, conservation, wildlife, air pollution, and the U.N. system.

CLARK UNIVERSITY--INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Contact: Leonard Berry
Research Coordinator
International Development Program
Clark University
950 Main Street
Worcester, Massachusetts 01610

Telephone No: (617) 793-7201

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts

Description of Source: Educational program integrating fields of geography, economics, political science, history, anthropology; closely linked to major research interests in agricultural change, special problems of the 25 least-developed nations and environmental issues. Studies on desertification process.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER

Contact: Daryl B. Simons
Engineering Research Center
Colorado State University
Foothills Campus
Fort Collins, Colorado 80523

Telephone: (303) 491-8655

Desertification
Subject Area: Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: A land grant university with a tradition of leadership in engineering education and research. The College of Engineering provides broad training in the basic fields of engineering through both undergraduate instruction and graduate programs strongly supported by modern research facilities.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT--ARMY

U.S. ARMY ENGINEER TOPOGRAPHIC LABORATORIES

Contact: Commander and Director
U.S. Army Engineer Topographic Laboratories
Defense Department--Army
ATTN: ETL-GS-AC
Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060

Telephone: (703) 664-1561

Desertification

Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts

Description of Source: Conducts a program of applied environmental research with particular emphasis on small scale climatological studies. Many brief studies are furnished on a consultant basis. In general information is furnished to U.S.A. requestors only.

ENVIRONIC FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

Contact: Dr. Patrick Horsbrugh
President
Environic Foundation International
P. O. Box 88
Notre Dame, Indiana 46556

Telephone: (219) 233-3357

Desertification

Subject Area: Arid Lands; Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: Emphasis on environmental conditions and qualities as basis of education. Identification of new concepts and practical planning applications.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT--NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL MONUMENT

Contact: Donald Spalding
Superintendent
Death Valley National Monument
Interior Department--National Park Service
Death Valley, California 92328

Telephone No: (714) 786-2331

Desertification
Subject Area: Deserts

Description of Source: Responsible for management and protection of natural and cultural resources within 3200 square mile desert mountain unit of a national park system including resources management, law enforcement and recreation.

NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY
FISHERY & WILDLIFE SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

Contact: Sanford D. Schemnitz
Department Head
Fishery and Wildlife Sciences Department
New Mexico University
Box 4901
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003

Telephone: (505) 646-1544

Desertification
Subject Area: Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: Studies are conducted on the behavior, management, environments, population and habits of fish, wildlife and birds in semi-arid lands.

ODESSA (CITY OF)

Contact: Robert F. Schnatterly
Soil Enrichment Program
City of Odessa
411 West Eighth Street--P.O. Box 4398
Odessa, Texas 79760

Telephone No: (915) 337-7381

Desertification
Subject Area: Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: Information available on hemogenization of
cellulose wastes into rangelands for
biodegradation into simple plant foods.

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

DRYLAND AGRICULTURE PROGRAM

Contact: Mrs. S. K. Riehl
CIDNET Librarian
Dryland Agriculture Program--Kear Library
Oregon State University
Corvallis, Oregon 97331

Telephone No: (503) 754-4592

Desertification
Subject Area: Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: Bibliographic information available to assist
developing countries in agricultural research
and production (wheat, livestock production, low
winter rainfall, Mediterranean climates, soils,
farm mechanization, agricultural economics).

PRICE (JOHN L) AND ASSOCIATES

Contact: Dr. John L. Price
President
John L. Price and Associates
7921 South Painter Avenue
Whittier, California 90602

Telephone No: (213) 698-0648

Desertification
Subject Area: Deserts

Description of Source: A consulting firm providing environmental counsel, inventories planning assistance, impact analyses, monitoring and management services to various governments, agencies and private concerns.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

LABORATORY FOR APPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING

Contact: D. Morrison
Laboratory for Applications of Remote Sensing
Purdue University
1220 Potter Drive
West LaFayette, Indiana 47906

Telephone No: (317) 749-2052

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands

Description of Source: Concerned mainly with computer analysis of multi-spectral data from landsat satellite surveillance. A software system (LARSYS) has been developed to analyze and correct the data and display the results. Conducts courses, trains specialists and cooperates in international remote sensing programs.

SIERRA CLUB LEGAL DEFENSE FUND INC.

Contact: J. D. Hoffman
Executive Director
Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund Inc.
311 California Street--Suite 311
San Francisco, California 94104

Telephone No: (415) 398-1411

Desertification
Subject Area: Deserts

Description of Source: General field of activity is environmental law.
The type of information obtainable would involve environmental litigation (current and past cases which uphold and define environmental laws of the United States). The major area of specialty is forest law.

TEXAS SYSTEM OF NATURAL LABORATORIES INCORPORATED

Contact: Ms. N. T. Travis
System Coordinator
Texas System of Natural Laboratories Incorporated
213 Littlefield Building
Austin, Texas 78701

Telephone No: (512) 477-4925

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts

Description of Source: An information clearinghouse concerning environmental matters in Texas. Primary goal is to secure the use of lands for research and put scientists and students on those lands for studying purposes, with the goal to enhance productivity of land and water.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR ARID AND SEMI-ARID LANDS

Contact: H. E. Dregne
Director
International Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Lands
Texas Tech University
P. O. Box 4620
Lubbock, Texas 79409

Telephone No: (806) 742-2218

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands; Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: The purpose of this center is to develop regional, national and international competence in the requisition, documentation and dissemination of knowledge of arid and semi-arid lands, their people and their problems.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

OFFICE OF ARID LANDS STUDIES

Contact: Assistant Director
Office of Arid Lands Studies
University of Arizona
845 North Park Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85719

Telephone No: (602) 884-1955

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts; Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: A computerized arid lands information system composed of bibliographical citations, abstracts, and keywords from a controlled thesaurus of arid lands terminology. Emphasis is on physical-biological aspects of world deserts. Products are special bibliographies, papers and abstract compilations.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
DRY LANDS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Contact: S. W. Edmunds
Director
Dry Lands Research Institute
University of California
3154 Library South
Riverside, California 92502

Telephone No: (714) 787-4551

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts

Description
of Source: Primarily engaged in regional economic
planning, management analysis and archeological
studies. Work has been done in the biology,
zoology and archeology of deserts.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
LABORATORY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE AND RADIATION BIOLOGY

Contact: Eric B. Edney
Chief, Environmental Biology Division
Laboratory of Nuclear Medicine and Radiation Biology
University of California
900 Veteran Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90024

Telephone No: (213) 825-2684

Desertification
Subject Area: Deserts

Description
of Source: Information on cycling of radionuclides in
desert ecosystems and effects of low levels
of gamma radiation on desert environments;
cycling of trace elements by coal
combustion; effects of fly ash on desert
organisms; cycling of transuranics in deserts;
and basic desert ecology.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

AGRICULTURE COLLEGE--RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISON

Contact: Dr. Elwood L. Miller
Chairman
Renewable Natural Resources Division
University of Nevada--Agriculture College
920 Valley Road
Reno, Nevada 89512

Telephone No: (702) 784-6763

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands

Description
of Source: Research, education and public service in the
fields of forestry, range management, recreation,
wildlife management and watershed management.
Information covers Nevada and the Great Basin
Areas.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Contact: John Doherty
Information Officer
Desert Research Institute
Human Systems Center
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada 89507

Telephone No: (702) 784-6131

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts; Semi-Arid Lands

Description
of Source: Information on atmospheric physics and chemistry,
air pollution monitoring, solar energy research,
waste heat utilization, ground and surface water
hydrology, desert ecology, social and economic
aspects of arid and semi-arid zones.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

DESERT RESEARCH INSTITUTE--APPLIED ECOLOGY & PHYSIOLOGY CENTER

Contact: Executive Director
Applied Ecology and Physiology Center
University of Nevada--Desert Research Institute
500 Date Street
Boulder City, Nevada 89005

Telephone No: (702) 293-3001

Desertification

Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts; Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: Biological expertise on problems relevant to environments of Nevada and adjacent states. Research projects include adaptations of human and other mammals to desert habitats; mammalian population dynamics and plant-animal interactions in desert habitats; energy fluxes within components of deserts.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Contact: John E. Nellor
Dean
Graduate School
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada 89507

Telephone No: (702) 784-6869

Desertification

Subject Area: Arid Lands; Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: Graduate programs in environmental research and education.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

Contact: Richard H. Brooks
Director
Museum of Natural History
University of Nevada
4505 Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, Nevada 89154

Telephone No: (702) 739-3381

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts

Description
of Source: Information is available on biology and
anthropology of the Southern Great Basin
and the Northern Mohave Desert.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA

NEVADA ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Contact: Dr. Robert Elston
Coordinator
Nevada Archeological Survey
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada 89557

Telephone No: (702) 784-6814

Desertification
Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts; Semi-Arid Lands

Description
of Source: Assesses impact to prehistoric and historic
archeological evidence. Publishes newsletter,
technical report series and project reports.
Stores and retrieves information of artifacts
and site location. Participates in education
and land use planning regarding archeological
resources.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Contact: W. Frank Blair
Zoology Department
University of Texas
Austin, Texas 78712

Telephone No: (512) 471-3163

Desertification

Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts; Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: Ecological and evolutionary data including publications dealing with desert and other arid land ecosystems in North and South America, especially Chichughuan and Sonoran Deserts of North America and Argentine "Monte" Desert of Argentina.

UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
RANGE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Contact: Professor Neil E. West
Range Science Department
Utah State University
Logan, Utah 84322

Telephone No: (801) 752-4100 Ext 7623

Desertification

Subject Area: Arid Lands; Deserts; Semi-Arid Lands

Description of Source: Personal reprint file on renewable resources of the wildlands and rangelands of North America.