

Chihuahuan Desert Monitoring -- On January 23-24, SBSC ecologist Mark Miller participated in a 2-day workshop to discuss monitoring needs of six National Park Service units included in the National Park Service's Chihuahuan Desert Inventory and Monitoring Network. The purpose of the workshop was to evaluate the utility of the "ecological site" concept and associated state-and-transition models as a framework for designing the Network's long-term monitoring program for soil-vegetation systems. Contact: Mark Miller, SBSC, Kanab, Utah, 435.644.4325.

Research Briefing for Shivwits Paiute Tribal Council-- On January 26th, SBSC ecologist Mark Miller briefed the Tribal Council of the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Tribe on his research on the federally endangered Shivwits milk-vetch (*Astragalus ampullarioides*). Miller's work focuses on soil relations and effects of invasive exotic plants on populations of this rare plant species in Washington County, Utah. This research supports the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Tribe, the Bureau of Land Management, Zion National Park, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in their efforts to conserve this species. Contact: Mark Miller, SBSC, Kanab, Utah, 435.644.4325.