DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR FARM PROJECT
WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT
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Summary:
Fencing of the entire Move On area was completed this week on Thursday afternoon. The next day, Ironwood Biologists conducted clearance surveys of the site finding no Desert tortoise sign. The area was made available to First Solar for construction. Prior to the clearance surveys, all cacti were located and salvaged. All small lizards were relocated off site.

Monday 22 Aug:
Desert tortoise-proof fencing installation continues around the Move On perimeter. Surveys for wildlife were made ahead of construction.

Tuesday 23 Aug:
Work continued as above. Small songbirds, lizards, and the occasional sidewinder were seen on site.

Wednesday 24 Aug:
Kit-fox tracks were noted along the South and East sides of the fencing. The tortoise-guards were installed later in the day at the site entrance and egress.

Thursday 25 Aug:
Soil Tech completed tortoise-proof fencing around the Move On area. All cacti in this area were also salvaged.

Friday 26 Aug:
The Move On area was surveyed for Desert tortoises and given a final clearance for construction to proceed. By 11:30 the surveys were complete, no tortoises were seen.

Saturday 27 Aug:
No construction. Ironwood Biologists conducted surveys in the Phase 1A area. By midday, after 8 miles of walking, the temperature was 120 Fahrenheit in the shade and hard hats measured 153 F Fahrenheit. No tortoise sign discovered.

Sunday 28 Aug:
Additional surveys conducted in the Phase 1A area, extending the surveyed area out to 250 meters from all known Desert tortoise sign. A Kit-fox den was discovered and motion sensing cameras were placed nearby.