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Summary:

The most notable accomplishment for the week was the completion of the tortoise fence entirely encircling the project. Other wildlife related construction was the completion around the reservoir also. The usual checks of the translocated tortoises showed them still sleeping peacefully. The observation of Kit-foxes and other wildlife also continued without issue.

Monday 16 Jan:

Tortoise and security fencing work resumed today. Wildlife observations including Kit-foxes also resumed.

Tuesday 17 Jan:

The offsite translocated and control group tortoises were checked. On the project, an Ironwood Biologist surveyed all trees for signs of bird nesting.

Wednesday 18 Jan:

Surveys of possible nesting sites continued today, as did the tortoise and security fencing around Block 8.

Thursday 19 Jan:

The very last sections of tortoise fence were installed today; the entire project is now encircled with tortoise-proof fencing. Otherwise, the weekly check of the fences showed about 40 small mammal digs under the bottom edge; some of those were probably rabbits, others were probably Kit-foxes.

Friday 20 Jan:

The translocated tortoises and control group were checked again and all tortoises sleeping safe and sound. Crown fence begins installation of chain-link fence around the reservoir.

Saturday 21 Jan:

A windstorm curtailed work on the reservoir fence. No new wildlife observations were seen today.

Sunday 22 Jan:

The chain-link and tortoise mesh fence around the reservoir were completed today. Biologists also completed the last few surveys prior to shrub removal that is expected to being on Monday.