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Summary:

An uninjured healthy juvenile tortoise was found on-site this week and is currently under the care of Ironwood staff until further guidance from the agencies concerning its relocation. After almost three days of additional surveys, no new tortoises or tortoise sign were found.

Excavation began for a previously occupied kit fox den on-site. This den has been carefully observed and has been vacant for the last few weeks before it was determined to be in excavation status with agency approval. No tortoises or kit foxes were found during this excavation effort and the area was compacted and returned to original contours as per guidelines.

All other daily and weekly biological checks and telemetry were completed without issues.

Monday:

Construction continues with Aggregate working in the switchyard area. All tortoises and kit foxes were accounted for.

Tuesday:

Aggregate begins work on the storm water retention basin. Daily biological site checks and weekly netting checks were completed without issues.

Wednesday:

An uninjured, healthy juvenile tortoise found on-site. Careful excavation of unoccupied kit fox den begins.

Thursday:

Excavation of unoccupied kit fox den is completed – no sign of tortoise or kit foxes. Additional biological surveys began in the area as well as the area the juvenile tortoise was found.

Friday:

Additional biological surveys were completed without any additional tortoise or kit fox sign. Other biological checks and telemetry were completed without problems.

Saturday:

All daily biological checks including telemetry were administered without issues.

Sunday:

All daily biological checks and telemetry were administered without issues.