# DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR PROJECT
# WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT
# BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES
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## Summary:

The juvenile tortoise previously found on-site was released per BLM and USFWS guidance in excellent health and without a transmitter in the recipient site, in a location that provided lots of shelter. All transmittered tortoises have been accounted for and activity levels have lessened greatly. The kit fox on-site still remains at the same den location on-site with its pups, but the kit foxes off-site have moved den locations. An extra preventative layer was added to the pond as a means of escape should smaller animals be able to penetrate the many layers of deterrence as the temperatures increase. The tortoise fence around the kit fox den previously excavated was removed and is no longer a concern. The release of the prairie falcon previously found on-site was planned this week due to its healed wing, but due to the new discovery of it having compromised vision, it will remain at the rehabilitation center for now.

Aggregate continued work in the switchyard and retention basin and began work in the southeastern portion of the site with a biological monitor. Visits to the northern weather station and placement of signs around the perimeter fencing continued to be accompanied by a biologist.

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

## Monday:

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

## Tuesday:

The juvenile tortoise was released pre-dawn successfully and without issues. Nest checks were completed without any detection of eggs. Aggregate continues work in the switchyard area. Tests were run at the north weather station. Daily biological site checks were completed without issue.

## Wednesday:

Aggregate begins work in the southeast portion of the site but also continues work in the switchyard. Tortoise fencing was removed from previously excavated den. Data was collected from the north weather station. Daily biological site checks were completed without issue.

## Thursday:

Aggregate continues work as above in the switchyard and southeast of the site. The remainder of tortoise fencing was removed. Daily biological site checks were completed without issue.

**Friday:**
An extra preventative layer was added to the pond to assist animals in escaping. Placement of signs around the perimeter fencing was completed. Telemetry of tortoises and kit foxes were carried out without issues.

**Saturday:**
All daily biological compliance checks including telemetry of the appropriate animals and fence checks were carried out without issues.

**Sunday:**
All daily biological compliance checks including telemetry of the appropriate animals and fence checks were carried out without issues.