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Summary:

The recently translocated tortoises 6005 and 6006 have been monitored daily throughout the week and have not shown any signs of stress since their translocation and have behaved very normally for the time of day and year. All other tortoises were tracked throughout the week and have also behaved normally.

Kit foxes were tracked daily and all remained at their typical den locations. The on-site foxes still reside in the den just north of the MSA. An effort was made to make additional efforts along the gates of the MSA to prevent foxes from entering and exiting the area as well as additional kit fox deterrence along the security fence opening of the collections road.

Raven netting at the pond has continued to be monitored closely per BLM guidance for any increase in raven activity or any problems with other birds - there have not been any observance of increase thus far.

All other daily and weekly biological checks were completed throughout the week and no major issues were observed. Daily tortoise fence inspections occurred. Weekly MSA bird netting was checked without issue. The wheel wash is still not working properly, but First Solar has provided staff to manually wash all vehicles entering the site.

Beta continued to work on pier foundations. Aggregate cleared some vegetation for a new laydown area and also began clearing vegetation for the collections road on the western portion of the project.

Monday:

Translocated and resident tortoises were tracked. Kit foxes were tracked the entire week. Pond observations for increased raven activity continued for the entire week. Aggregate began clearing vegetation for a new laydown area.

Tuesday:

Control tortoises were tracked. Internal tortoise fence was checked. Aggregate began clearing vegetation for the collections road on the western portion of the site through Thursday.

Wednesday:

Translocated tortoises were tracked. Kit fox deterrence was added to the security fence opening.

Thursday:
Resident tortoises were tracked. Additional kit fox deterrence was added to the security fence opening.

Friday:
Translocated and control tortoises were tracked. MSA bird netting was checked.

Saturday:
Kit foxes and newly translocated tortoises were tracked. Observations at the raven pond continued. The perimeter fence was inspected. Daily compliance checks were completed as well as close observation of the pond. No construction activities took place on site that required biological monitors.

Sunday:
Kit foxes and newly translocated tortoises were tracked. Observations at the raven pond continued. The perimeter fence was inspected. Daily compliance checks were completed as well as close observation of the pond. No construction activities took place on site that required biological monitors.