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Summary:

The long-anticipated tree and shrub removal work began this week. In addition to all the other smaller biology-related work, monitors rescued many small creatures from the work area and took them to safer places off The Project. The translocation tortoises slept on. An injured prairie falcon found on The Project was placed in the care of a veterinarian.

Monday 23 Jan:

The contractor Aggregate resumes work on the project, clearing shrubs and trees. Work begins along the bottom edge of Block 10, and moves North. Biologists monitor all activities.

Tuesday 24 Jan:

The shrub and tree clearing operations continued North from the South edge of the project. Chain-link security fencing is installed along the South edge of Block 8.

Wednesday 25 Jan:

The translocated and controlled groups of tortoises were found still deeply asleep. Docents and other NPS personnel from Joshua Tree National Park tour the park. Aggregate continues shrub and tree clearing moving North. Small wildlife rescued from The Project is taken safely off The Project.

Thursday 26 Jan:

Aggregate continues shrub and tree clearing; Crown continues work on the security fence around Block 8. A company wide barbeque was held.

Friday 27 Jan:

Clearing of trees and shrubs enters blocks 16 and 17; fence checks and other lesser biology duties were attended to.

Saturday 28 Jan:

Translocated tortoises checked again, finding all still sleeping away the winter. Aggregrate crews begin working East.

Sunday 29 Jan:

Tree and shrub clearing work reaches the West edge of Block 20. All of the fences are checked for signs of wildlife entanglement.