DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR FARM PROJECT
WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT
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Summary:

A Desert tortoise was located in the Phase 1B area was fitted with a transmitter and had a health assessment made; tortoise appears healthy. Desert tortoise fencing continues by Soil Tech, followed by clearance surveys by Ironwood biologists. Grading and other earth-work continues on the Move On area.

Monday 12 Sep:

Another tortoise located on the Sunlight Translocation Site. Desert tortoise fencing work continues on the Eastern part of The Project and cactuses are salvaged from that same area.

Tuesday 13 Sep:

A monsoon dropped 4 inches of rain. Runoff damaged some of the tortoise fencing on site. Construction curtailed for the day.

Wednesday 14 Sep:

Damaged Desert tortoise fencing repaired this morning. The Move On area was re-surveyed and re-cleared for the presence of Desert tortoises today. No tortoises were located.

Thursday 15 Sep:

Biologists conducted tortoise clearance surveys and these crews continued to survey to the east of the Move On area. No tortoise sign was noted, though some lizards and small snakes were collected and removed from the site.

Friday 16 Sep:

A 100-foot buffer zone was engineered around a Kit-fox den in the north edge of the Phase 1B area. Phase 1C tortoise fencing was completed.

Saturday 17 Sep:

A fourth tortoise located in the Phase 1B area yesterday was given a full health assessment and fitted with a transmitter today.

Sunday 18 Sep:

No construction, Ironwood Biologists conducted wildlife surveys and other observations today.