DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR FARM PROJECT
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Summary:

Completion of surveys in both the Phase 1B and the Sunlight Translocation Site were the highlights of the week. The second survey of the northern part of the Sunlight Translocation Site was also completed. Many more tortoises were found there this week, and their health assessments were collected. Other work included initial transplant efforts for the *Koeberlinia spinosa* also underway. Baseline data collection for the raven management plan is ongoing, as is collection for the avian and bat protection plan. All stipulations related to the American Badger and Kit-fox plan are being observed also.

Monday 26 Sep:

A large Kit-fox den was excavated nothing was found. Tortoise fencing continues toward the East. Preliminary transplant work on the *Koeberlinia* plant species begins.

Tuesday 27 Sep:

The first survey of the off site Sunlight Translocation Site is completed. Telemetry of the four-onsite tortoises is ongoing.

Wednesday 28 Sep:

Health assessments of two more Sunlight Translocation Site tortoises are collected. Perimeter surveys of the Southern and Eastern sides of The Project are completed.

Thursday 29 Sep:

Desert tortoise fencing reaches Southeast corner of the project, begins working North. Two Burrowing owls discovered earlier this week are deemed transients.

Friday 30 Sep:

Phase 2D clearance completed. Telemetry ongoing.

Saturday 1 Oct:

Another Desert tortoise encountered earlier in the week on the Sunlight Translocation Site was relocated there today. Phase 2D some small burrows were excavated, and some cactus were transplanted.

Sunday 2 Oct:

The second coverage of the Sunlight Translocation Site was competed today. Training-surveys for new Ironwood staff were conducted today.