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Summary:
The successful clearance of the Phase 2 areas identified by First Solar is almost fully complete. Installation of Tortoise-proof fencing is ongoing. Kit-fox and Burrowing owl shelters were excavated; no sign of wildlife were found inside the shelters. Plant salvage of cactus and Ocotillo plants continued.

Monday 24 Oct:
The translocated tortoises on the Sunlight Recipient Site seemed to be settling in without signs of stress. The backfill of trenching around the perimeter of the Safe Harbor Storage Area continues.

Tuesday 25 Oct:
The Safe Harbor Storage Area was cleared today, found uninhabited by Desert tortoises. Monitoring of Burrowing owl sites is ongoing, as per stipulations.

Wednesday 26 Oct:
The Phase 2C and 2D surveys are begun and the first clearance passes are completed there. Kit-fox and Burrowing owl observations continue.

Thursday 27 Oct:
Burrowing owl and Kit-fox shelter complexes in the Safe Harbor Storage Area are excavated.

Friday 28 Oct:
No construction on site today; all biological staff work on clearance surveys in the Phase 2C and D areas.

Saturday 29 Oct:
The Phase 2D was fully cleared today. Palo verde tree windfall debris pre-clearance continued as did plant salvage.

Sunday 30 Oct:
The Phase 2B was fully cleared today. Other crews removed cactus and Ocotillo plants. Another small group made observations of the translocated tortoises.