# DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR FARM PROJECT WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES DESERT CENTER, CALIFORNIA

### PROGRESS OF WEEK 15 DATE: 21 – 27 NOVEMBER 2011 PUBLIC INFORMATION



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### **Summary:**

In observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday, almost all First Solar employees were at home with their families. However, a few Ironwood Biologists made the usual checks of The Project wildlife every day. There were no issues. The seasonally cooler weather also contributes to a lower activity level for most wildlife. The Desert tortoises associated with The Project are good examples: the colder the weather, the less they want to walk about.

### Monday 21 Nov:

Some more cactus specimens are transplanted into containers, for eventual re-planting out of harms' way. An old, un-occupied Kit-fox den was excavated, to ensure there were no small animals sheltering inside; none were found. The most active Desert tortoise being monitored by the biologists moved about 100-feet from his last shelter, then burrowed into a bush and went back to sleep.

### **Tuesday 22 Nov:**

The last of the tortoise-proof fencing to be installed this season is finished. More will be built early next spring. A number of ravens inspect The Project, flying around overhead, and walking about.

### Wednesday 23 Nov:

Almost everybody on The Project heads home for the Holiday. Biologists check the fence for any wildlife that might get entangled (none has been found), and make sure all the garbage containers are closed up.

### Thursday 24 Nov:

Thanksgiving Day. Biologists check the roads and fences, and look in on the Desert tortoises, making sure there are no problems. Taking advantage of the warm afternoon, one tortoise ambles about nibbling vegetation, then falls asleep in the sun.

### Friday 25 Nov:

Today was another quiet day on The Project site. Only a few biologists and security personnel are at work. The biologists make their usual checks, finding everything well and in order. The tortoise noted above strolls about most of the day, then finds a new shelter and goes back to sleep.

### Saturday 26 Nov:

As the day before, another quiet day on The Project site. Biologists make their usual checks of roads, fences, and construction facilities (garbage cans, water tanks, etc...), and also excavate another old, un-occupied Kit-fox burrow. No wildlife found.

### **Sunday 27 Nov:**

It was yet another quiet day on the Desert Sunlight Project. All the usual checks are made, with no concerns raised and everything in order. Another old, un-occupied Kit-fox

den excavated; no wildlife found inside. A few more cacti are found and transplanted into containers; all of the plants saved are watered weekly.