DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR FARM PROJECT
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Summary:

Winter weather appeared this week, complete with some light snow up in the surrounding mountains. The Desert tortoises associated with The Project are resting normally, waiting for the warm weather to return. On the Project, construction work continued, monitored by the biologists. The installation of security-fence around The Project is almost complete. Very few wildlife species are active now that winter weather is here, but there are always some Common Ravens looking on. There were no issues or concerns of note, and everybody finished the week healthy.

Monday 28 Nov:

Biologists monitor the construction crews, as usual. No wildlife seen today. All of the other checks made, too, including checking the fences.

Tuesday 29 Nov:

In addition to monitoring of construction activities, surveys are made, to locate any wildlife near construction. Surveys were made today, searching for any desert Kit-foxes or Burrowing owls. None were seen. Reporters from the Desert Sun Newspaper visit the Desert Sunlight Site.

Wednesday 30 Nov:

A winter storm approaches. Fencing and other on-going construction activities continue, which the biologists monitor.

Thursday 1 Dec:

The winter storm rolls in with high winds and rain. The usual construction monitoring continues. Biologists also check on the Desert tortoises associated with The Project, all of which are safely asleep.

Friday 2 Dec:

Installation of security fencing continues, along with ongoing soil-grading work, all monitored by biologists. All garbage containers are checked to make sure they are closed and unavailable to wildlife.

Saturday 3 Dec:

Only a few sub-contractors are on-site over the weekend, including the security-fence crews. Biologists monitored all construction on site.

Sunday 4 Dec:

As for Saturday, only the fencing sub-contractors are at work on The Project over the weekend. All work activity monitored by biologists, some of whom also check on the Desert tortoises; all are safe and sound.