

Agency/Organization: Tortoise Group

Project Name: Road Warriors 2024-2025

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Reporting Period: D06(July 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024)

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QUESTION 1: What did you accomplish during this reporting period?

How did these accomplishments help you reach the goal of your project? Unfortunately, due to the extended heat waves we were unable to begin conducting road mortality surveys.

If relevant, what indicators or benchmarks were used to determine your progress?

QUESTION 2: What, if any, problems were encountered? Briefly describe those problems and the manner in which they were dealt.

The main issue encountered was not being within the temperature range to conduct road mortality surveys. Road mortality surveys are conducted when desert tortoises are most likely to be active with a threshold of 95 degrees. Tortoise Group has delayed the start date. Sunday, October 13th Tortoise Group was able to begin road mortality surveys for Road Warriors.

QUESTION 3: What, if any, proposed activities were not completed? Briefly describe those activities, the reasons they were not completed and your plans for carrying them out.

The 10 mile road segment assigned for road mortality surveys was not completed. Surveys have started and are anticipated to be completed before the end of October. Several extra dates have been scheduled for November as make-up days should any October dates require cancellation.

QUESTION 4: What is the calculated percent of work completed? 0%

QUESTION 5: Do you foresee any upcoming problems with future project activities?

If so, how do you propose to overcome those problems? I do not see an issue with being able to complete the surveys during October/November. Temperatures may affect future survey seasons but can be delayed/planned for accordingly.

QUESTION 6: Is there anything else you want to tell the DCP about this project?

No

QUESTION 7: What was produced during the reporting period?

Nothing was produced during the reporting period due to the high temperatures.