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DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION SUMMARY:

**CULVERT INSPECTION FOR TORTOISE USAGE**

**2015-NEWFIELDS-1580F**

The work for the above reference project has been completed. Below is a summary of project related information.

**The purpose of the above referenced project was:**

The purpose of this project was to determine what culverts are currently accessible for tortoises as movement corridors and what barriers exist to increasing the number of culverts available.

**The major accomplishments or findings of this project include:**

- Over 850 culverts were inspected and evaluated for tortoise accessibility.
- The NDOT culvert database was cleared of all irrelevant parallel and partial culverts.
- All Culverts along the I-11 Bypass were documented, located with a high accuracy GPS unit, and evaluated for desert tortoise accessibility.
- All surveyed culverts were graded for passability by tortoises to determine areas where fence connections could increase connectivity and where work needs to be done to retrofit culverts to allow for tortoise passage.

For more information about this project and/or for other Project Reports or Symposium Reports, please visit our [website](#)

If you have any questions about this project please contact DCP Project Manager Scott Cambrin at (702) 455-3859.