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## DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION SUMMARY Desert Tortoise Data Management 2021-GBI-2020G

The work for the above referenced 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 is to acquire a contract with the Great Basin Institute (GBI) to provide data management for range surveys of the Mojave Desert tortoise. The contractor and DCP will work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to coordinate the data and complete the Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) process to understand if recovery goals are met.

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

This project reviewed data records collected from 424 transects across six Tortoise Conservation Areas. GBI managed the DCP-funded dataset along with additional surveys funded by the National Park Service around the Lake Mead National Recreation Area. By managing these data together, GBI was able to maintain consistent and comparable datasets that allow for integrated analysis and interpretation of information across the range of the desert tortoise. This would allow for a better understanding of desert tortoise population trends over time and guide decisions on their conservation status.

For more information about this project and/or for other Project Reports or Symposium Reports, please visit our website.

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