



Date: December 6, 2018

TO: DISTRIBUTION

RE: DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION NOTIFICATION:  
**HOTLINE AND PROCESSING OF WILD DESERT TORTOISES  
2009-KLA-803E**

The work for the above referenced project has been completed. Please see the attached for all project related information.

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

To provide a hotline and pickup service to deal with wild desert tortoises which are displaced by development or appear to be in harm's way within the urban areas.

- To provide a Desert Tortoise hotline and pickup service on behalf of the DCP in an effective, responsive and cost efficient manner.
- Provide an ongoing and continuous Desert Tortoise Pickup Service which operates 365 days a year without interruption and has sufficient staff resources available to meet the pickup response time of 24 to 48 hours at any time of the year including times of both high and low seasonal demands.
- Maintain a database for pickup service activities including the locations of pickups and the number of tortoises picked up
- Pick up, conduct health assessments, and transport tortoises from construction sites to an authorized holding site or translocation area.
- Desert Tortoises designated for translocation shall be taken to Stump Springs for release or a location designated by COUNTY. An exception for desert tortoises found on or around the Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE) will allow those desert tortoises to be translocated to the BCCE.
- Provide humane care for the desert tortoises handled as part of the pickup service.
- Provide outreach sessions regarding what to do if a wild desert tortoise is found on a construction site.

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

During the three years of this contract approximately 8 wild desert tortoises were picked up. Six wild desert tortoises were translocated to their native habitat after they were checked for disease and deemed healthy.

For more information about this project and/or for other Project Reports or Symposium Reports, please visit our website at: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/airquality/dcp/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact John Brekke at (702) 455-2722.

Sincerely,



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US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Board of County Commissioners (7)  
Permittees' Executive Committee  
Permittees' Process Management Group  
Thomas Boldt, Purchasing  
Catherine Jorgenson, District Attorney – Civil Division  
Desert Conservation Program Community Advisory Committee  
Desert Conservation Program Interested Parties List  
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Implementing Agencies  
Science Advisor  
SNPLMA Office (for SNPLMA projects)  
Congressional Office  
DCP Staff