



desert conservation  
PROGRAM

Date: June 3, 2014

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RE: DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION NOTIFICATION:  
**BOULDER CITY CONSERVATION EASEMENT DESERT TORTOISE PREDATION STUDY  
2009-BOARMAN-802H**

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:**

The purpose of this study is to determine the extent to which predators may be present on the Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE). The study will also provide a baseline to compare to for monitoring the effectiveness of any mitigation measures that may be implemented to reduce the effect.

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

For this study two reconnaissance visits to the BCCE were conducted in 2013 to collect initial data on raven and coyote populations to determine the need and efficacy of a more in depth study to test for effects ravens and coyotes may have on tortoise populations. Three primary objectives were accomplished: A.) identify possible study sites, B.) determine ease of access for surveys, and C.) collect preliminary data. In addition, a report was produced that detailed the results of these objectives, evaluated the need for further studies, and made recommendations on what that study should consist of.

This study did document that ravens and coyotes are found within the BCCE, therefore the possibility exists for ravens and coyotes to impact tortoise populations. The report details two options for continuing the assessment of the potential tortoise predator problem on the BCCE.

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

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Sincerely,



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