



## desert conservation PROGRAM

August 27, 2010

TO: DISTRIBUTION

RE: DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION NOTIFICATION:  
**DESERT TORTOISE MONITORING 2009, 2007-USFWS-785**

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 monitor Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus Agassizi*) populations and develop more efficient training and monitoring techniques to more effectively track trends in the status of Desert Tortoise in Clark County as well as to further the objectives of the US Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan.

The major accomplishment or findings of this project include:

Conducting 2009 desert tortoise monitoring

- 512 transects were completed by Great Basin Institute in 2009 for areas that are partly or entirely in Clark County
- Conducted 2-1/2 weeks of training
  - Training improvements included revision of an expanded, comprehensive monitoring handbook (USFWS 2009), and utilization of crews from previous years to train new personnel on the correct protocol.
- Coordinated all components of data management
- Continued implementation of an approach first used in 2007
  - Transects were completed in one three different regions of Nevada, one region at a time, so that tortoise activity in each area would represent a narrower period of time and there would be level variability (less imprecision) in visibility. Because visibility is used to correct density estimates, making this estimate more precise also improved the density estimate.

This project received external peer review.

For more information about this project, please visit our website at:

<http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/dagem/epd/dcp/Pages/dcpactiveprojects.aspx>

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If you have any questions, please contact Liz Bickmore, Project Manager at (702) 455-2972.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marci D. Henson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Marci D. Henson  
Program Manager

cc:

US Fish and Wildlife Service  
Board of County Commissioners (7)  
Permittees' Executive Committee  
Permittees' Process Management Group  
John Hill, 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  
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# DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION NOTICE

Date of Issuance: 8/25/2010

## General Project Information

Project Category	Conservation
Compliance Category	9d-Research/Inventory/Monitoring
Project Level	Level 4
Project Title	Monitoring 2009
Project Number	2007-USFWS-785
Contractor	US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE
Contractor Person of Contact	Linda Allison
Contractor Project Manager	Linda Allison
DCP Project Manager	Liz Bickmore
DCP Person of Contact/Contract Manager	Heather Green
Competitive Award or Sole Source	Sole Source
Contract Start Date	10/29/2008
Purchase Order Number	4800001292-014
Contract End Date	03/30/2010
Commissioners & District	G Rory Reid, Chairman F Susan Brager, Vice Chairman C Larry Brown B Tom Collins E Chris Giunchigliani A Steve Sisolak D Lawrence Weekly
Congressional Rep & District	Shelley Berkley - D1 Dina Titus - D2

## Financial Breakdown

Funding Source	S10 07-09
Original Contract Amount	983,000.00
Total Change Request Amount	0.00
Revised Contract Amount	983,000.00
(Original Award plus Change Requests)	
Funds Not Used in Contract	0.00
Final Payout Amount	\$983,000.00

## Performance Information

Total Number of Change Requests	3
Number of Change Requests by Contractor	0
Number of Change Requests by DCP	3
Total Number of Deliverables	18
Number of Deliverables Accepted	18
Number of Deliverables Rejected	1
Number of Delinquent Deliverables	6
Total Number of Milestones	9
Number of Milestones Met	9
Number of Delinquent Milestones	1
Total Number of Invoices Submitted	6
Number of Rejected Invoices	0