

# Raven Management Working Group

DMG Update  
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# Renewable Energy and Common Raven Management

Completed summary of common raven management plan for renewable energy projects within the range of the desert tortoise

- ▶ REAT November 2010 summary available at <http://www.dmg.gov/announcements.php?id=118>
- Worked closely with California's Renewable Energy Action Team (REAT) to clarify project-specific and regional raven management needs
- ▶ Project-specific component – management plan template
  - Addresses subsidies for construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning as well as adaptive management and education components
- ▶ Regional component – for indirect and cumulative effects
  - Together with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, established fee structure for contributions to the regional program using a cost per acre.

# Renewable Energy and Common Raven Management (cont.)

Contribution and participation in the regional plan

- ▶ Permit condition of CDFG and CEC
  - Deposit document template being drafted; will be the responsibility of the primary permitting agency
  - Permit condition included in approved projects: Ivanpah, Calico Solar, Blythe Solar, and Alta-Oak Creek
- ▶ Next steps for regional program:
  - Include County participation
  - Address non-energy related projects

# Upcoming Activities

- ▶ Draft Q & As together with working group
  - ▶ 2011 regional implementation activities limited by a lack of funding
    - Breeding season surveys pending available funding and release of request for proposals to implement surveys
    - Focus on desert tortoise critical habitat units
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