

# Reduce Common Raven Predation on the Desert Tortoise in the California Desert

## Status of the Project

# Status of NEPA Process

- FONSI signed March
- Circulated to the Public April 2 to May 9
  - Desert libraries
  - Commenters on the Draft
  - Posted on USFWS web site
  - Media release
  - DMG received e-mail notification

# Status of NEPA Process

- Received 12 comment letters
  - 6 private citizens
  - 4 agencies/government officials
  - 2 organizations/businesses

# Status of EA (cont'd.)

- Content of Comments
  - One supported implementation of Alternative F (Preferred alternative – phased implementation of Alternatives B, C, and D)
  - One supported Alternative E (non-lethal measures only)
  - One urged creation of new alternative
  - Most supported implementation of Alternative D (greatest amount of lethal removal with non-lethal management actions)
- No new data were presented in comment letters

# Status of NEPA Process

- Closed our process with final memo
- Process is completed
- Special thanks to the working group members

# Implementation of EA

- Implementation Work Group
  - Jody Fraser – Desert Tortoise Recovery Office (Carlsbad)
  - Ashleigh Blackford – Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office