

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

Status of the Project

Status of EA

- Reviewed by technical editors at Edwards Air Force Base
- Finalized the Draft EA
- Initiated Public Outreach
- Public Comments

Outreach

In early April

- Congressional contacts
- News release
- Posted draft EA on Ventura FWS' website
- Mailed draft EA or notification letters
- Requested DMG members placed link on their agencies' websites
- Published display ads
- Mailed draft EA to desert libraries
- Newspaper articles

News Release

- Imperial Valley Press
- Desert Sun (Coachella Valley)
- Inyo Register
- Los Angeles Times
- San Bernardino Sun
- Victorville Daily Press
- AP, southern California
- AP, San Diego
- Riverside Press Enterprise
- Mojave Desert News
- Antelope Valley Press
- Endangered Species & Wetland Report
- Orange Co Register
- San Diego Union Tribune
- Fontana News Herald
- Copley news Service
- Sacramento Bee
- Washington Post (LA Bureau)
- New York Times

Mailing of draft EA

- Mailed cds to 40+ libraries in the California desert
- Mailing list 300+ people including those that commented during scoping

Published Display Ads

- Inyo County Register
- Daily Press (Victorville)
- The Desert Sun (Palm Springs)

Newspaper Articles

- The Daily Press (Victorville)
- High Country News
- Imperial Valley Press
- San Bernardino Sun
- The Daily Independent (Ridgecrest)

Public Comments

- Comment period opened April 6 and closes May 7
- Received 13 comments
 - 1 agency, 3 organizations, 9 private citizens
 - 1 prefers Alt B, 1 prefers Alt D, 3 prefer Alt E, others no preference

Public Comments

- Other comments identified
 - Use whatever methods are needed to reduce raven predation
 - Prefer non-lethal to lethal methods
 - Don't use poison; inhumane
 - Believe EIS is needed
 - Want to help with shooting/removing ravens
 - Ravens keep the rat and mice population down
 - Report observations of bird and small mammal predation by ravens in their yards
 - Want methods of disposing of eggs and young identified

Next Steps