

FAQ's

DESERT TORTOISE MITIGATION FEES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Desert Tortoise Mitigation Fees:

1. What are the mitigation fees used for?
To implement conservation projects recommended by a public advisory committee to benefit the species included in the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. To learn more about the plan please visit the following website:
<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/depts/dcp/pages/default.aspx>
2. What is the current fee for Desert Tortoise Mitigation Fees?
\$550 per acre for private lands, this is called a Section 10 fee.
\$836 per acre for public lands effective 3/1/14. This is subject to change March 1 of every year. This is called a Section 7 fee.
3. Where do I pay?
If development occurs on private lands, the entity in which the land disturbance occurs collects the fees.
If development occurs on public lands, the Bureau of Land Management collects the payment.
The Section 7 Fee Payment form prepared by the Bureau of Land Management must accompany the check.
4. Who is the check made out to?
The check should be made out to the entity in which the disturbance takes place.
5. What is the procedure for obtaining a refund?
In the event a project is canceled or the fees were previously collected, please refer to the entity to which the fees were paid.

Land Disturbance Tracking:

1. How many acres are available for disturbance under the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan?
145,000 acres. Of that, 15,000 are allowed for government-exempt disturbance under the current permit.
2. How is the land disturbance tracked?
Each month, the entities submit a report with the Mitigation Fee forms accounting for fees paid and land disturbance occurring on private lands. Disturbance occurring on public lands are accounted for by individual payments made directly to the Clark County Desert Conservation Program. All land disturbance acreage and fees are tracked by the Clark County Desert Conservation Program.

What to do if you find a Desert Tortoise on your site:

If you find a wild Desert Tortoise on your site please contact the Wild Tortoise Assistance Line at (702) 593-9027. If you need assistance with a pet tortoise please contact the Lied Animal Shelter at (702) 384-3333. Tortoises are protected under the Endangered Species Act and are not to be collected without a permit.