

DCP QUARTERLY REPORT

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PROJECT TITLE	Road Warriors 2026-2027
PROJECT NUMBER	2025-TORTGRP-2527A
REPORTING PERIOD	Start of Project (June 7, 2026) through June 30, 2026

QUESTION 1

What did you accomplish during this reporting period? How did these help you meet your objectives of your project? If relevant, what indicators or benchmarks were used to determine your progress?

Tortoise Group completed 10 road miles (20 transect miles) of road mortality surveys from milepost 75.5 - 85.5 along US-93 Coyote Springs. Tortoise Group was able to acquire the assistance of 8 volunteers which allowed Tortoise Group to complete half of our required road mortality surveys prior to the milestone due date.

QUESTION 2

What, if any, problems were encountered? Briefly describe those problems and the manner in which they were dealt.

Several volunteer scientists and staff on the project had difficulty logging into the Survey123 app to record data once in the field due to previously unknown subscription issues. This prevented access for some volunteers and the inability to submit forms for those already in the Survey123 app. Tortoise Group staff on site for the surveys provided volunteers with paper forms to record any observations and collating all observations in the post-survey debrief discussion while still on site. Surveys that completed forms on the app but could not submit them were able to save them and submitted them successfully once the subscription issue was resolved.

QUESTION 3

What, if any, proposed activities were not completed? Briefly describe those activities, the reasons they were not completed and your plans for carrying them out.

All proposed activities were completed within the allotted time frame for the deliverable's due date.

QUESTION 4

What is the calculated percent of work completed?

50% of the road mortality surveys for 2026 are complete. The 20 miles of surveys completed during this milestone equals just over 8% of the 240 total survey mileage for the 2026-2027 project (200 fence inspection miles + 40 miles of road mortality surveys).

QUESTION 5

Do you foresee any upcoming problems with future project activities? If so, how do you propose to overcome those problems?

I do not foresee any upcoming problems with future project objectives.

QUESTION 6

Is there anything else you want to tell the DCP about this project?

There is nothing else to report at this time.

QUESTION 7

What was produced during the reporting period?

10 miles (20 transect miles) of road mortality surveys were completed with four observations recorded and submitted through the Survey123 App. The data submitted was 3 recorded observations of live adult ravens flying less than 100 yards from the road, with two of those observations noting perching alongside the road. In total there were 3 recorded observations of ravens, with 5 individual ravens sighted. No raven nests were observed.

One data point was recorded for a partial desert tortoise carcass consisting of 2x scutes (Class 5 disarticulated DT carcass) on shoulder beside road, that appeared very old, with the largest piece 25mm. Although the scutes were found in proximity to the road it is difficult to assess the cause of death as road mortality due to the limited pieces of the carcass located. However, the recorded observation provides evidence of desert tortoise presence in the area.

No other indications of live (burrows, scat, live tortoises) or deceased tortoises were observed.

