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Subject: Re: Victorville Tortoises

The tortoises should be put on BLM lands that are in some sense protected, like not in the OHV area and preferably the Kramer desert wildlife management area (DWMA). In some cases, the larger-scale relocations, FWS has required a relocation plan, monitoring, recipient site surveys, etc.

For a smaller deal like this, I would suggest talking to BLM and FWS and trying to get an agreement on how to proceed. I am not aware of any of these development relocations that have actually taken place yet, but of course, several are pending. At BLM, the person to talk to is either me or Lorenzo Encinas. At FWS it is probably Ray Bransfield, but it could be Judy Hohman or anyone else assigned to it. Ray will be here on Monday and I can ask him about it. I will also ask Brian Croft, who is a FWS employee in this office as soon as he gets off the phone. Ray is in Alaska right now.

BLM has a manual with relocation criteria, which is generally ignored, but the policy has come up with the Fort Irwin effort and others. This is attached.

(See attached file: BLM Manual - translocations.PDF)

It would help if you were able to tell me where you want to take the tortoises.

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