

# Desert Tortoise Management Oversight Group Webinar Agenda

January 28, 2021, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm PST

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START TIME (Duration)	Topic, Presenter, and Purpose
10:00 (:10)	<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions:</b> Welcome: Glen Knowles, Field Supervisor, US Fish and Wildlife Service Southern Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office (10 minutes)</p>
10:10 (:10)	<p><b>2. Purpose, Agenda, and Action Item Tracking Report Review:</b> Glen Knowles (10 minutes)  <u>Agenda item type:</u> Informational  <u>Purpose:</u> Review with MOG members the agenda and relevant items from the current Action Item Tracking Report.  <u>Background Materials:</u> See Attachment 1.</p>
10:20 (:10)	<p><b>3. Update on Programmatic NEPA for Roadway Fencing to Reduce Mojave Desert Tortoise Mortality:</b> Nancy Army, Nevada State Office, Bureau of Land Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation (5 minutes)</li> <li>▪ Q&amp;A and discussion (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><u>Agenda item type:</u> Informational  <u>Purpose:</u> Provide an update on road fencing programmatic NEPA.</p>
10:30 (:20)	<p><b>4. Tiered Common Raven Monitoring and Management:</b> Kerry Holcomb, Biologist, US Fish and Wildlife Service Palm Springs Fish and Wildlife Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation (10 minutes)</li> <li>▪ Q&amp;A and discussion (10 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><u>Agenda item type:</u> Informational  <u>Purpose:</u> Provide an update on raven control efforts in California.</p>

<p>10:50 (:30)</p>	<p><b>5. The Impacts of Land Use and Climate Change on Mojave Desert Tortoise Gene Flow Dynamics and Corridor Functionality:</b> Ken Nussear, University of Nevada Reno</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation (20 minutes)</li> <li>▪ Q&amp;A and discussion (10 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><u>Agenda item type:</u> Informational</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Provide the MOG information on climate change impacts to desert tortoise.</p>
<p>11:20 (:20)</p>	<p><b>6. Desert Tortoise Augmentation Strategy:</b> Roy Averill-Murray, US Fish and Wildlife Service Desert Tortoise Recovery Office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation (10 minutes)</li> <li>▪ Q&amp;A and discussion (10 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><u>Agenda item type:</u> Informational, discussion and feedback.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Provide and overview of the Desert Tortoise Augmentation Strategy and solicit feedback from the MOG.</p> <p><u>Background Materials:</u> see Draft Desert Tortoise Augmentation Strategy.</p>
<p>11:40 (:10)</p>	<p><b>7. April 29 MOG Meeting Special Executive Session:</b> Glen Knowles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation (5 minutes)</li> <li>▪ Q&amp;A and discussion (5 minutes)</li> </ul> <p><u>Agenda item type:</u> Discussion and feedback.</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> Provide update on the planned executive session at the April 29 MOG.</p>
<p>11:50 (:05)</p>	<p><b>8. Review of Action Items</b></p>
<p>11:55 (:05)</p>	<p><b>9. Closing Comments/Future Agenda Items/Next Meeting Date</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Closing comments from MOG members/Public Comment</li> <li>b. Future agenda items</li> <li>c. Future Meetings: In-person MOG Meeting at the Springs Preserve in Las Vegas on April 29, (COVID permitting – if we cannot meet due to the pandemic, this will be a virtual meeting)</li> </ol>
<p>12:00</p>	<p>Adjourn</p>

## Mojave Desert Tortoise Management Oversight Group

### Action Item Tracking Report

Note: Items marked “Closed” will be removed from the next iteration of the report.

Item Date / No.	ACTION ITEM	Assigned To / Due Date	Status
Item 2017 Sep#01	Provide list of RIT projects/descriptions/budgets to MOG	DTRO	Ongoing
Item 2018 Jun#01	Let FWS know about proposals that could use mitigation funds	All	Ongoing
Item 2018 Jun#02	Use Recovery Action Tracking Tool (module in the spatial decision support system [SDSS]) to track all recovery actions	DTRO	Ongoing
Item 2019 Feb#01	Send information on your non-RIT Recovery Actions to Flo Deffner ( <a href="mailto:Flo_Deffner@fws.gov">Flo_Deffner@fws.gov</a> )	All	Closed (lack of input)
Item 2019 Feb #02	Report annually on range-wide line distance sampling surveys	Glen Knowles	Ongoing
Item 2019 Feb #04	Brian Croft will work with interested MOG members to identify high priority programmatic NEPA needs for desert tortoise and report at a future MOG meeting – please let Brian know if you want to be involved (Brian_Croft@fws.gov, 760-322-2070 x410)	Brian Croft	Closed (lack of input)

Item Date / No.	<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	Assigned To / Due Date	Status
Item 2020 Oct#01	By end of calendar year, 12/31, provide input on MOG executive session outline for Spring 2021 meeting	All	Closed
Item 2020 Oct#02	Post the final version of Charter on DTRO website	Glen Knowles	Closed (Posted)
Item 2020 Oct#03	Provide verbal commitment for monitoring funding to Linda Allison by end December; transfer funds NLT end January	All	Open
Item 2020 Oct#04	Add a paragraph about impacts of fencing to DT connectivity white paper; add co-authors	Todd Esque Roy Averill-Murray	Open
Item 2020 Oct#05	Provide input on connectivity white paper to Todd Esque and Roy Averill-Murray, especially on areas that could use more clarification or elaboration (Oct 30)	All	Closed
Item 2020 Oct#06	Provide list of priority fencing sections for the programmatic NEPA and post to DTRO website	Kerry Holcomb	Open

## Attachment 2: MOG/RIT Cycle

