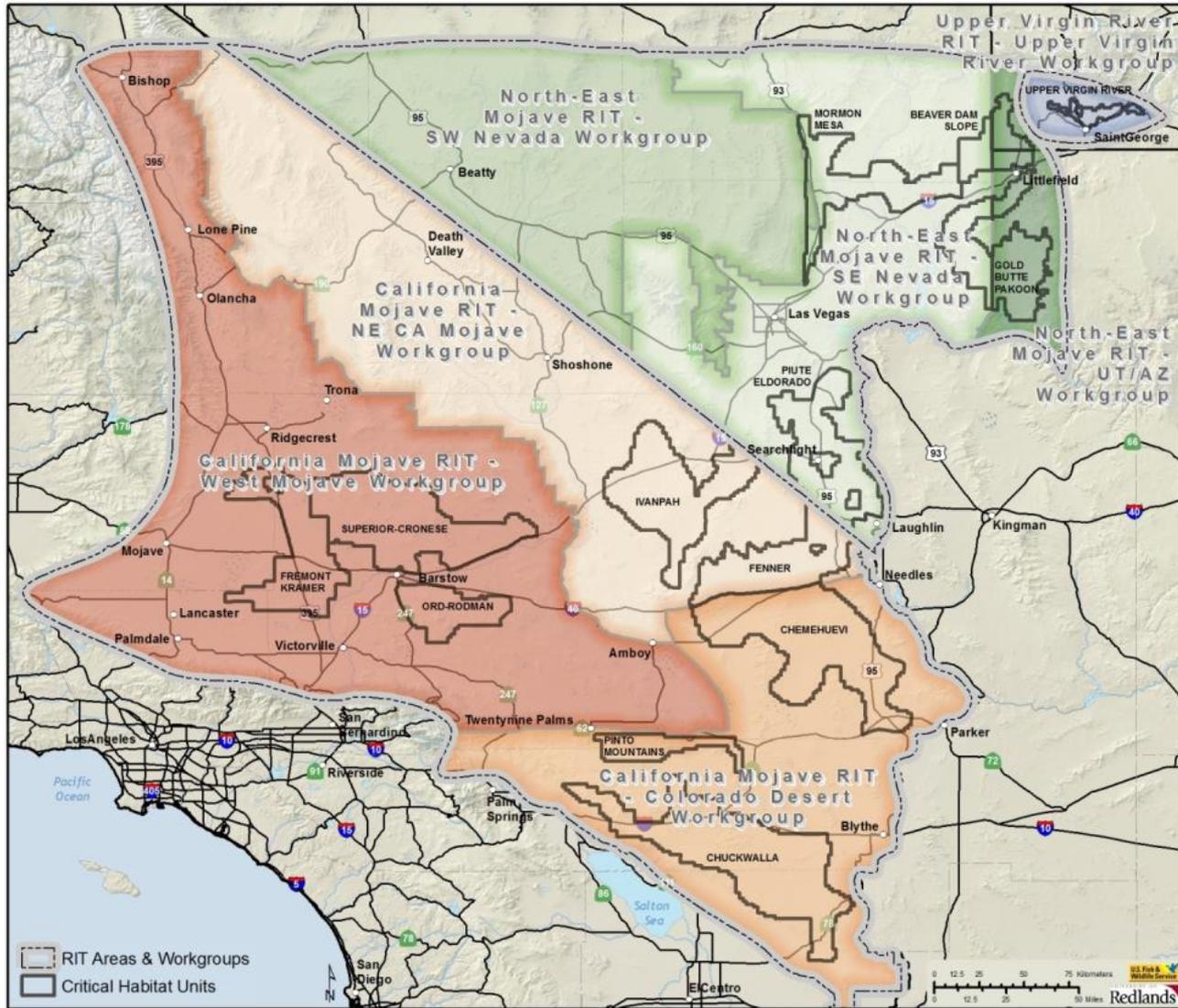
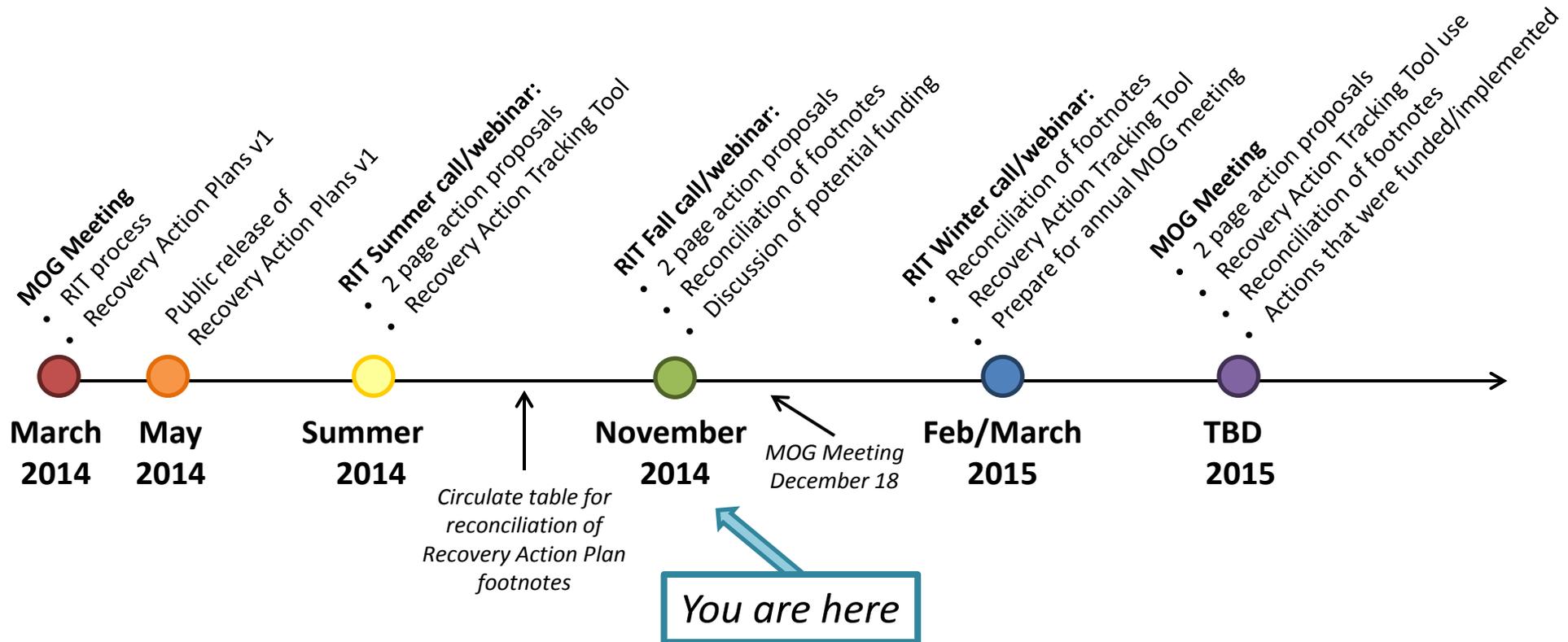


# Recovery Implementation Teams Fall Call/Webinar



# RIT Timeline & Next Steps

## March 2014-March 2015



# 2-Page Project Concept Proposals

*Purpose of 2-Page Project Concept Proposals:*

*To create site-specific and cost-specific project proposals tiered off a priority 1 action in Recovery Action Plan*



# 2-Page Project Concept Proposals

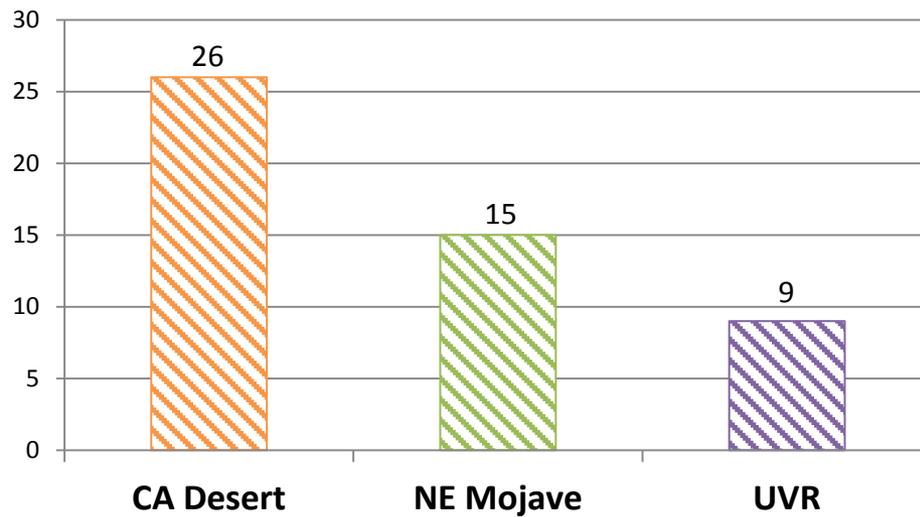
DTRO received a total of 50 project proposals from 22 RIT members (plus 5 already-funded projects from Clark County)

- 37 complete proposals
  - Some are more shovel-ready than others-*
- 3 with no budget
- 9 multi-workgroup or non-specific proposals which didn't really tier off Recovery Action Plans (plus 2 duplicates)
- 1 research proposal

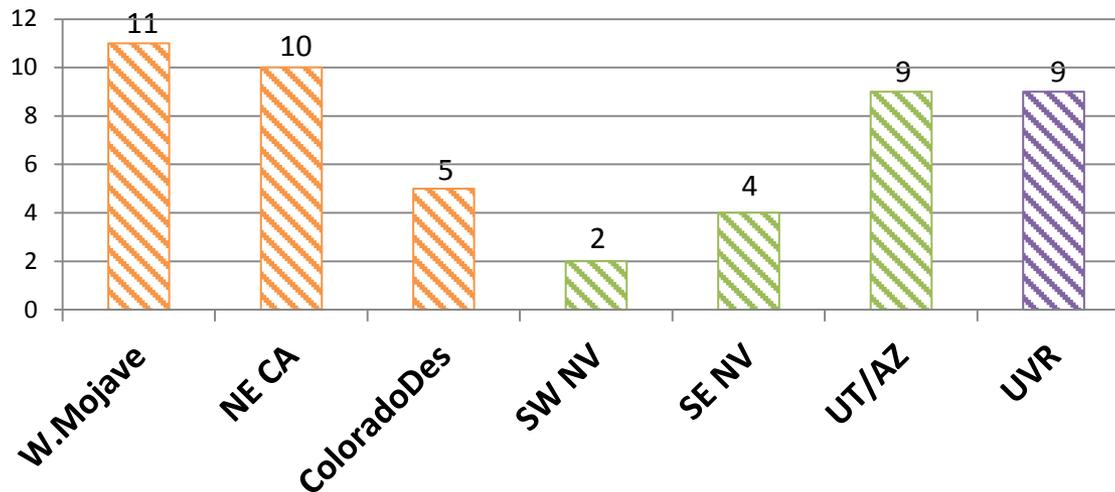
*All proposals are posted at: [http://www.fws.gov/nevada/desert\\_tortoise/dtro/dtro\\_rits.html](http://www.fws.gov/nevada/desert_tortoise/dtro/dtro_rits.html)*

# 2 Page Project Concept Proposals: Sept 2014

## Number of Proposals by RIT Membership

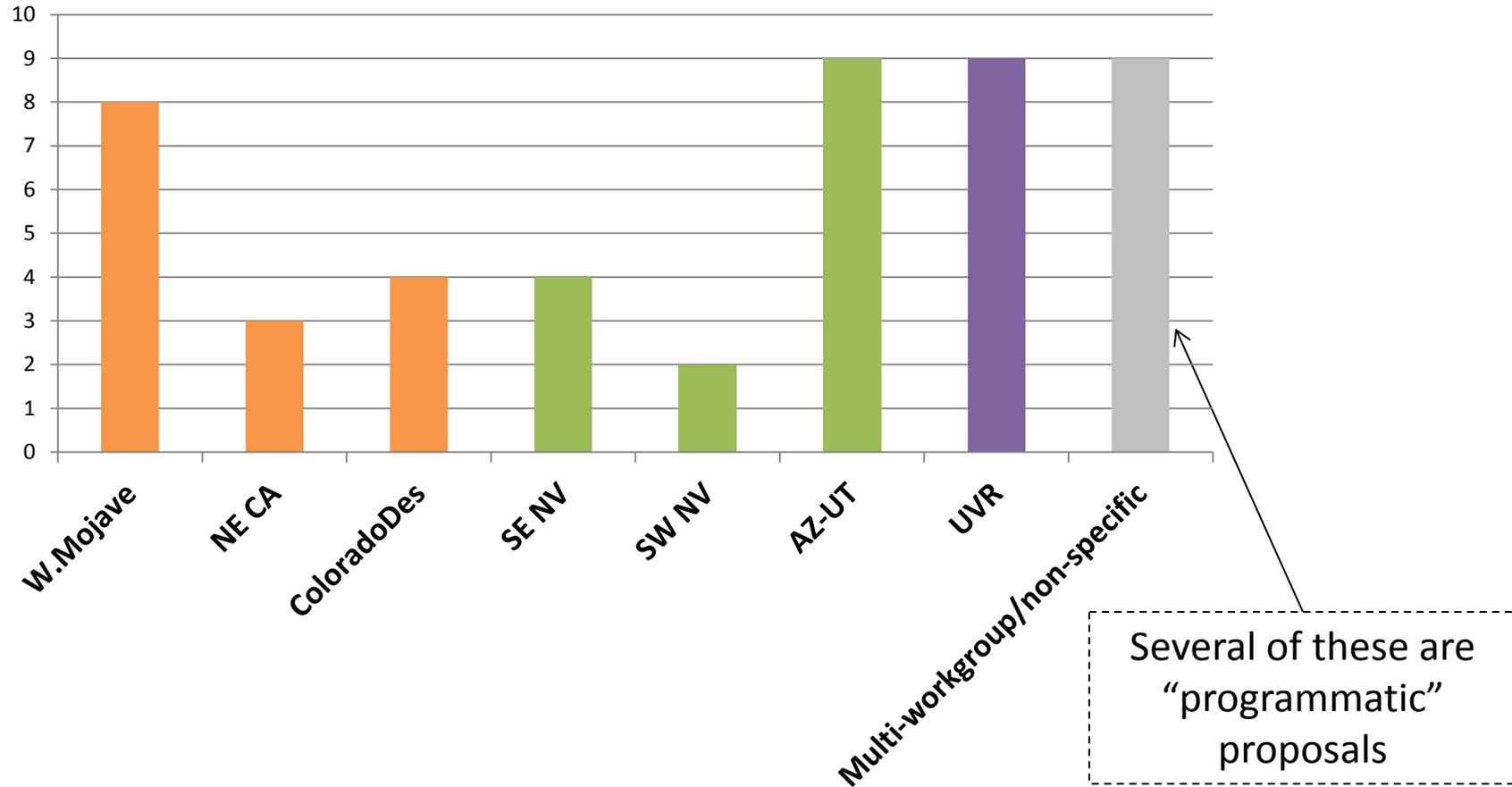


## Number of Proposals by Workgroup



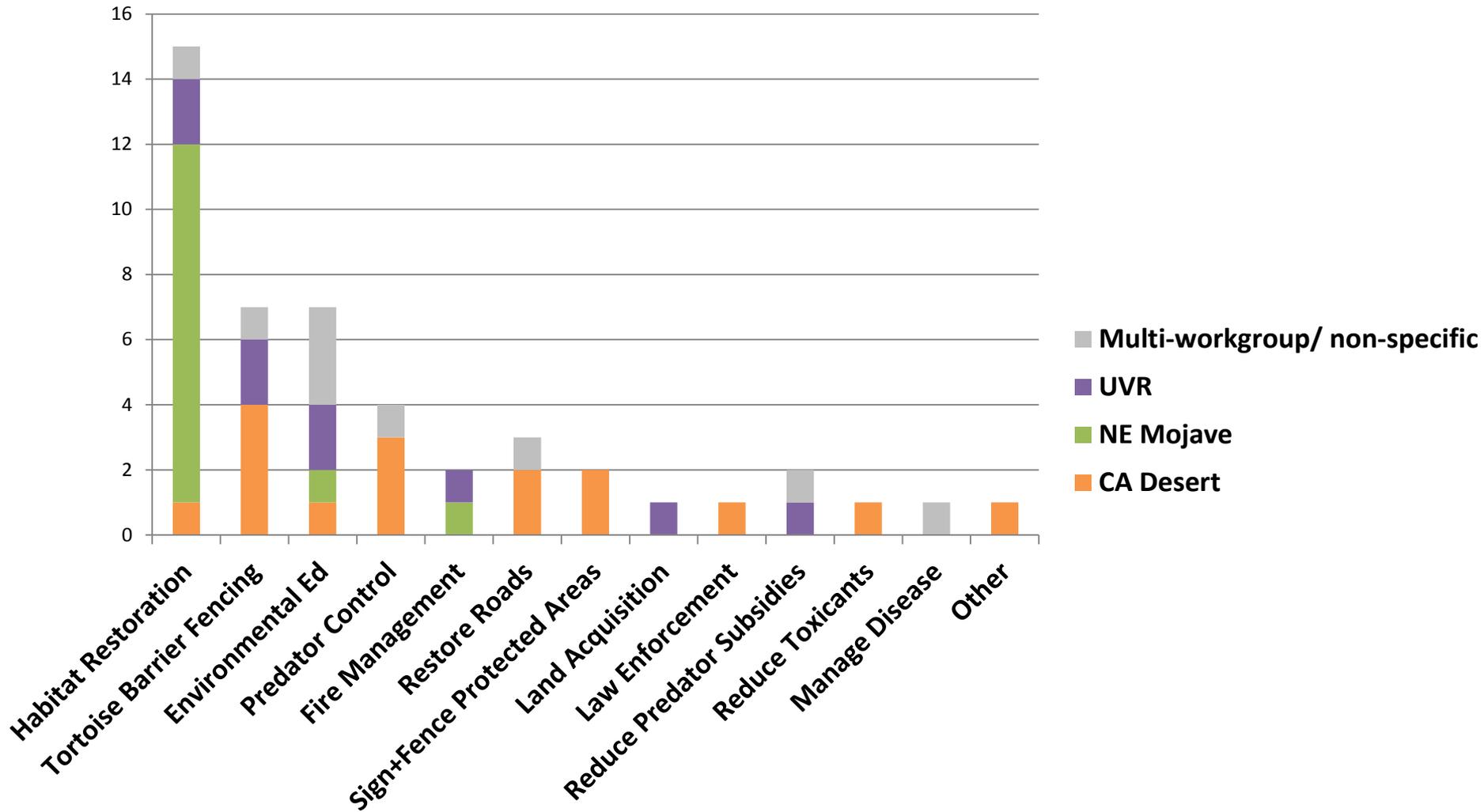
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Where each proposal would actually be implemented



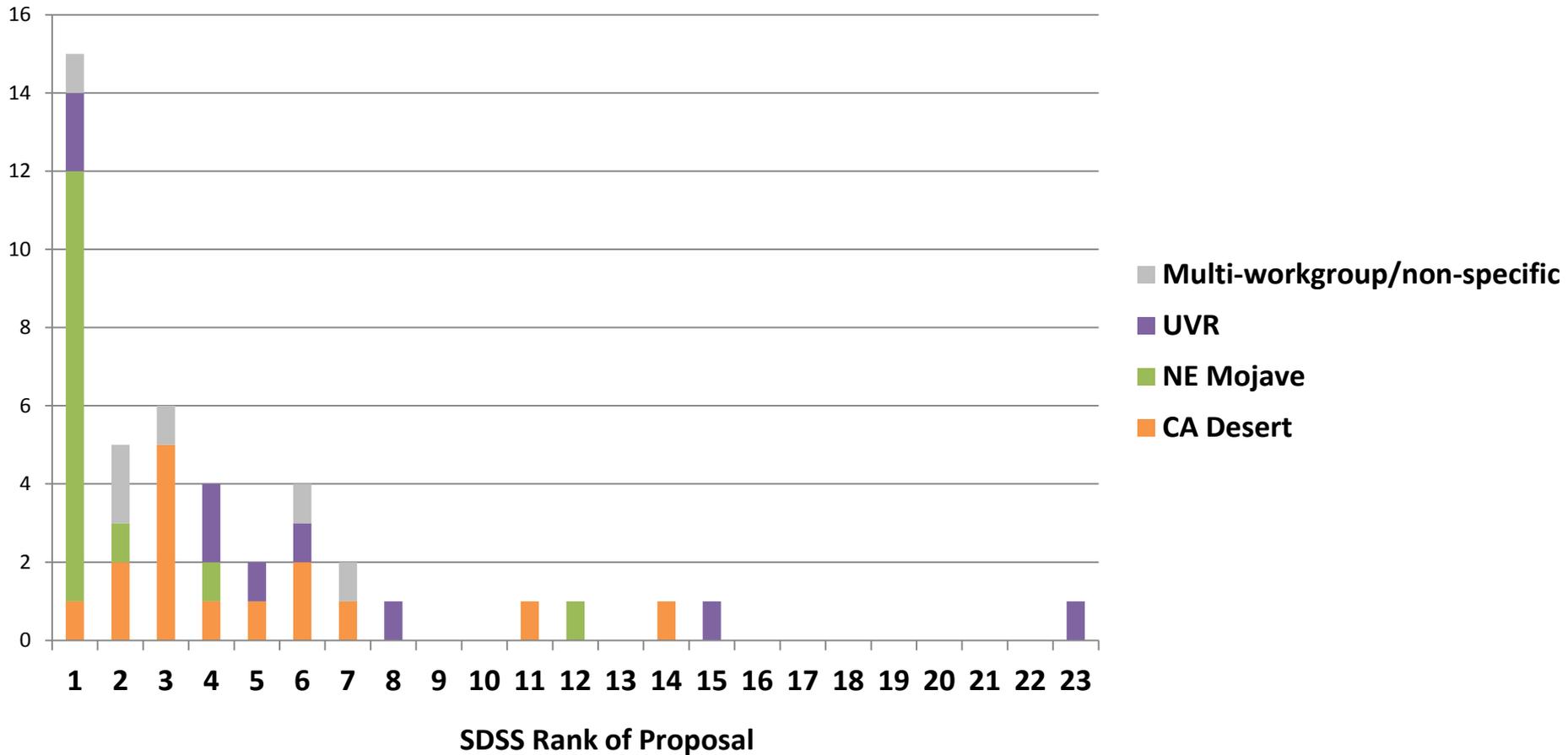
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## Types of RIT Proposals



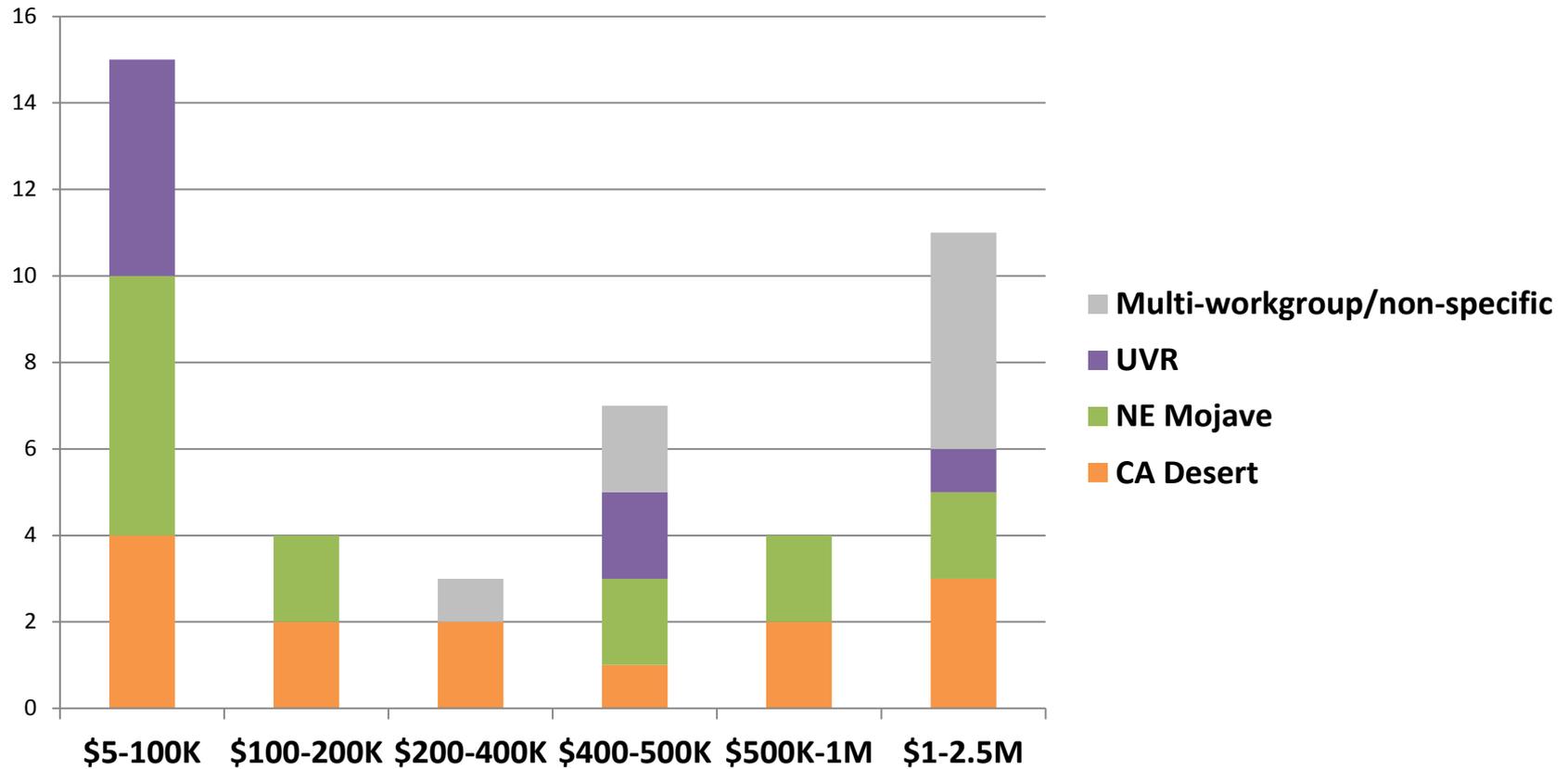
# 2 Page Project Concept Proposals: Sept 2014

## SDSS Rank of RIT Proposals



# 2-Page Project Concept Proposals: Sept 2014

## RIT Proposals by Budget Request



8 proposals < \$50K < 7 proposals

# Discussion Questions

- What should we present to the MOG about project concepts?
- What additional coordination is needed for action implementation?
- Are there project concepts from other RITs that are relevant to your RIT?
- Do you have any projects with broad support that need immediate funding and implementation?
- Are there any ideas for specific funding opportunities?
- Any other observations?

# Reconciliation of Action Plan Footnotes

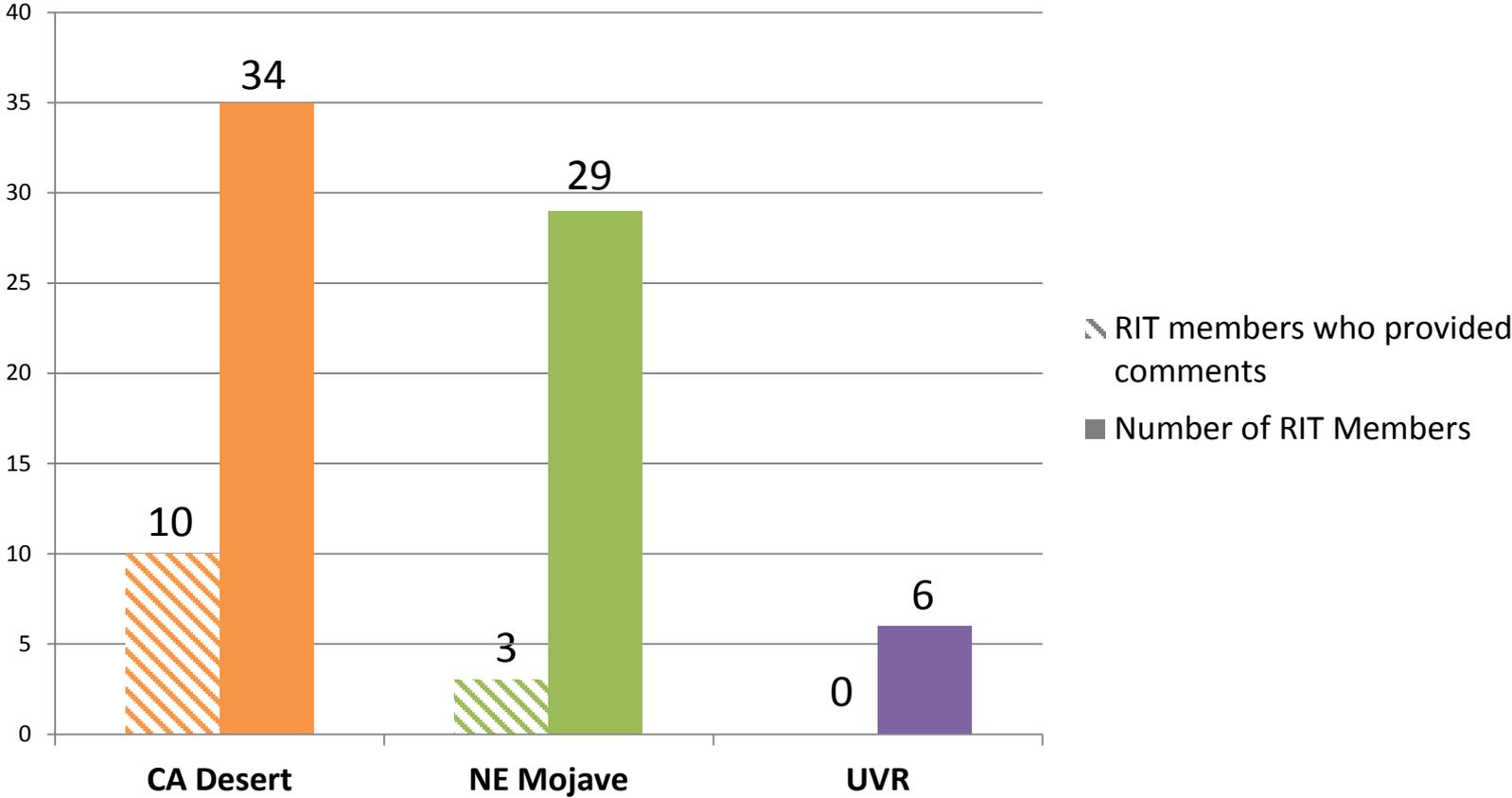
*Purpose of reconciliation exercise:*

*To facilitate clean-up of footnotes and promote discussion for Recovery Action Plan v2*



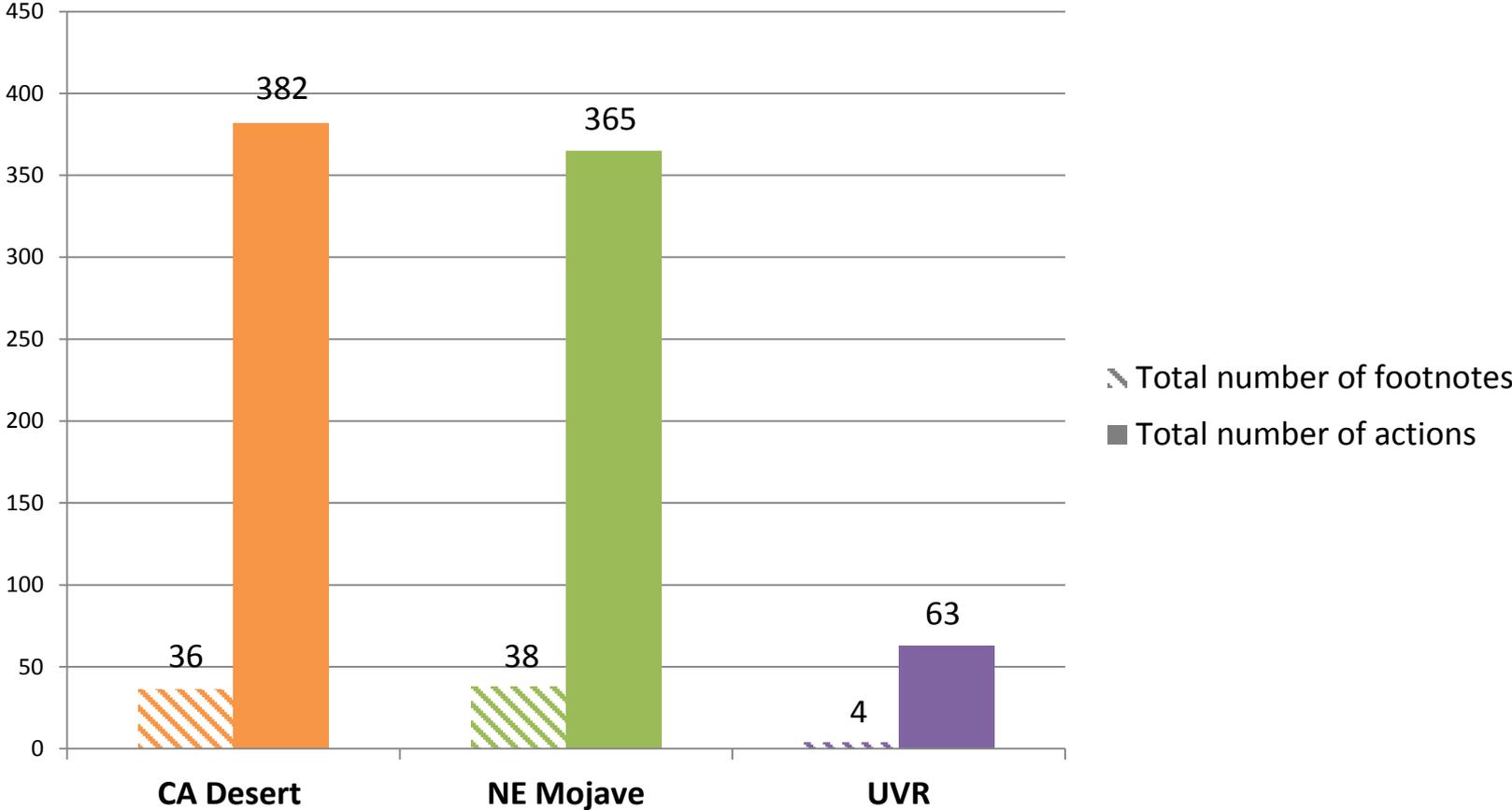
# Recovery Action Plan Footnotes

## Who Provided Comments in Spreadsheet for Footnote Reconciliation



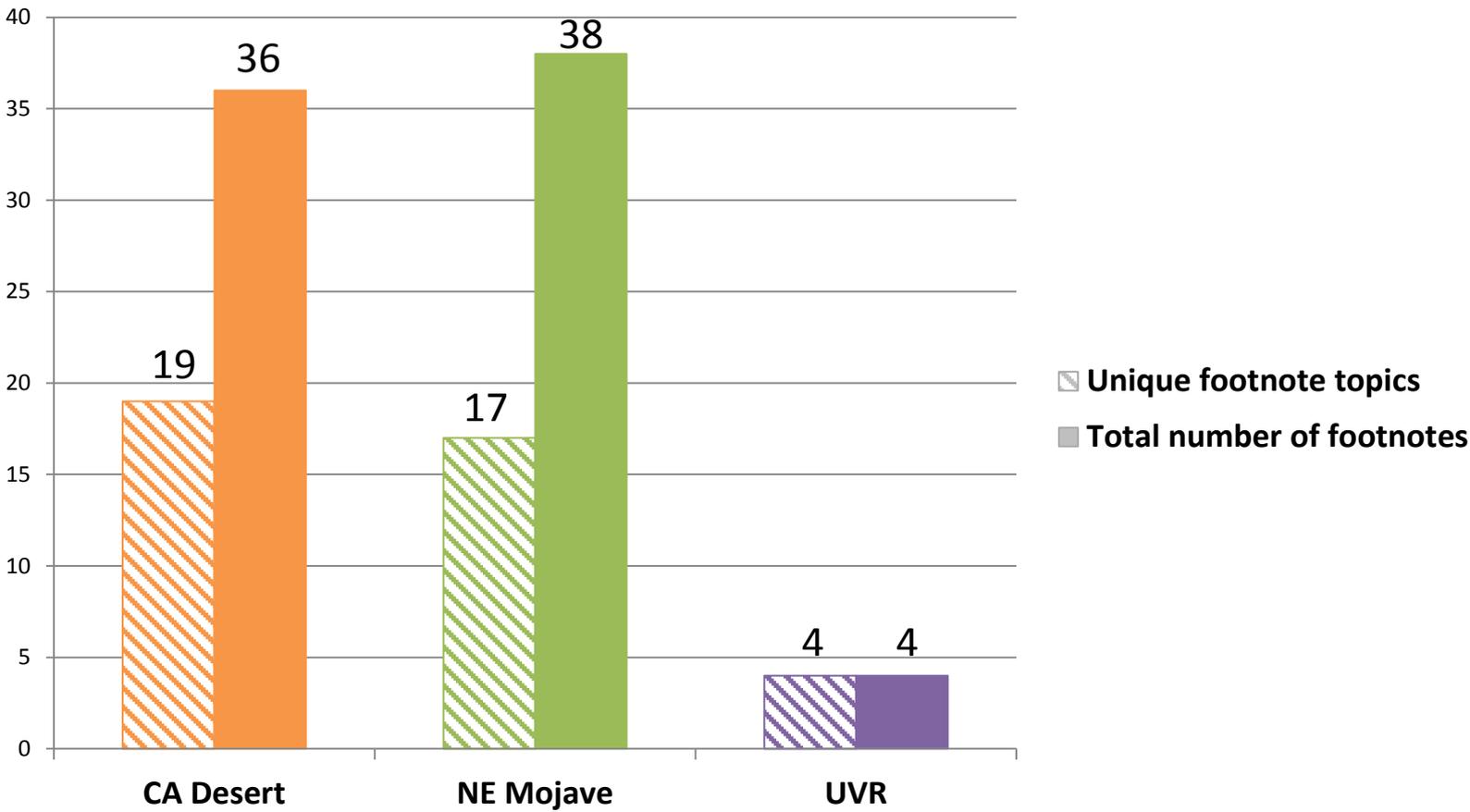
# Recovery Action Plan Footnotes

## Total RAP footnotes and actions by RIT



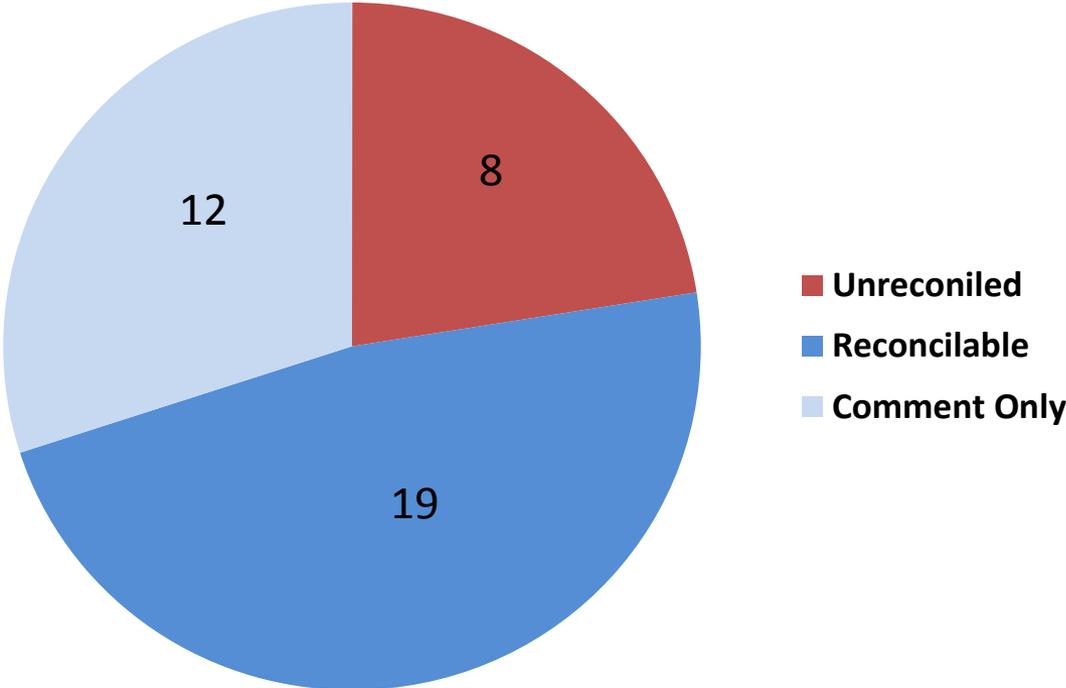
# Recovery Action Plan Footnotes

## Unique Footnote Topics by RIT



# Recovery Action Plan Footnotes

All Unique Footnote Topics



# 8 Unreconciled Footnote Topics

1. **Grazing: Not shown to be deleterious to tortoise populations; can contribute to fuel management; need to evaluate effects of livestock removal on tortoise habitat** <sup>11 footnotes (RIT priority 1,2,3)</sup>
2. **Grazing: No data showing grazing benefits tortoises; known impacts** <sup>4 (1,2,3)</sup>
3. **Herbicides should not be used in habitat restoration** <sup>4 (1,2)</sup>
4. **Mining: No evidence of deleterious effects on the tortoise** <sup>3 (2,3)</sup>
5. **Complicated restoration proposal not feasible (watering, containerized plants); problems with herbicide; BFOD still too experimental** <sup>1 (2)</sup>
6. **Fiber optic line near Corn Creek Road does not warrant restoration** <sup>1 (3)</sup>
7. **Fencing Red-Rock Randsburg, Garlock, & Randsburg-Mojave roads not worth investment** <sup>1 (3)</sup>
8. **Fencing Red Hills Parkway: significant cost; bad PR; neither UDOT nor St. George would agree since have complied with their agreement** <sup>1 (2)</sup>

# Discussion Questions

- What should we present to the MOG about footnote reconciliation?
- What are your thoughts about the reconciliation exercise?
- Are there any issues with the recommendations provided in the spreadsheet?
- Are there any outstanding dissent issues relative to any of the 2-page project concept proposals?

# Final Discussion Questions

- Are there any other RIT topics you would like to discuss?
- Is there anything else the MOG should be aware of that you would like us to bring to the Dec meeting?
- What would you like to see happen between now and our next meeting?

