



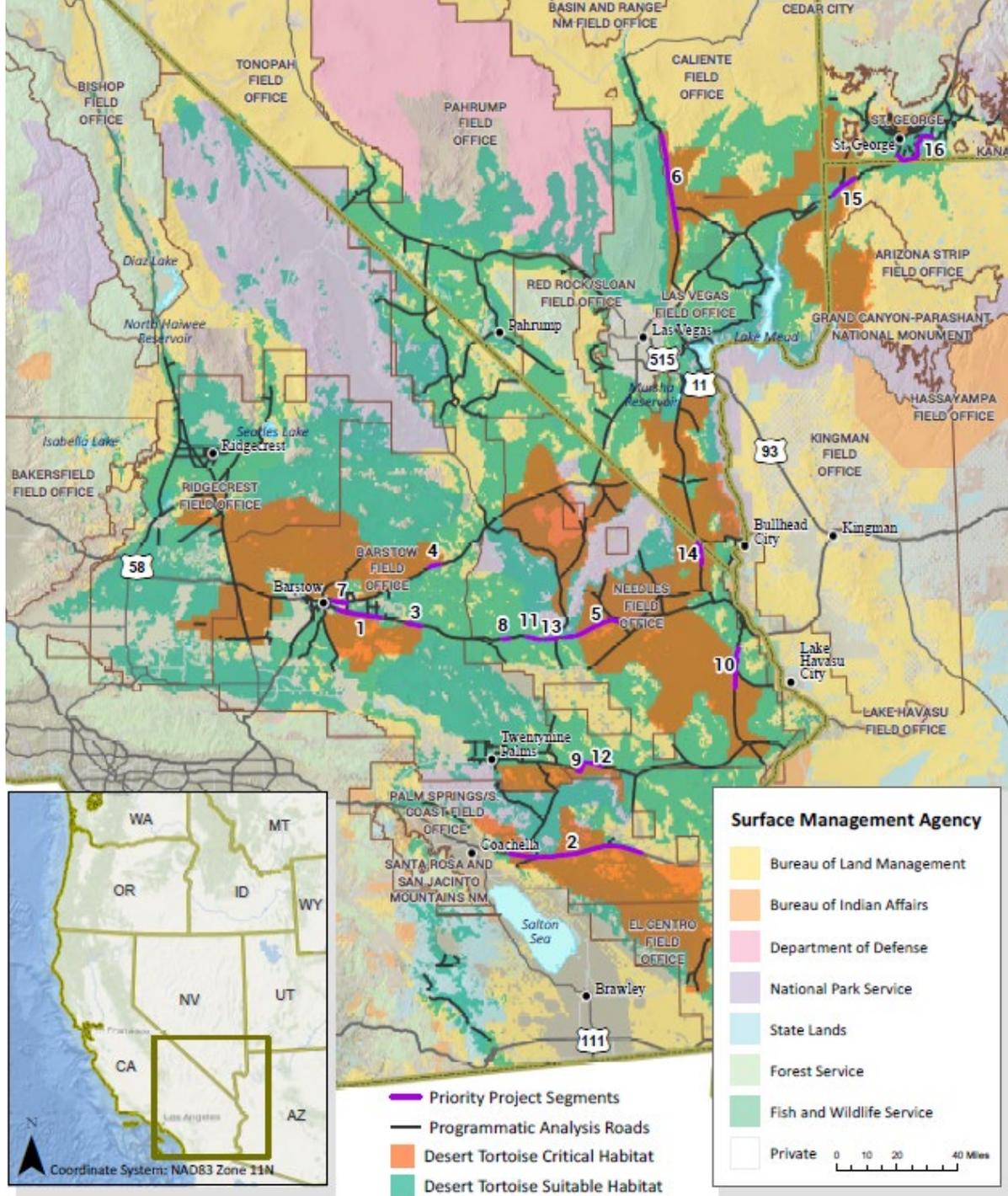
# Programmatic NEPA for Roadway Fencing to Reduce Mojave Desert Tortoise Mortality – **UPDATE**



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# Presentation Overview

- ✓ Update on what has been completed on this initiative since we last spoke.
- ✓ Upcoming tasks for Summer 2020.
- ✓ Questions/task requests for MOG members interested in becoming a cooperating agencies.



# Project Status Update

- Established external project website.
  - We have created a Sharepoint site that we will use as a clearing house for important information and updates. Once we have identified all the cooperators on this initiative, we will begin uploading project content onto the site to keep you all informed.
- Drafted third party contract for data gathering – CRM Class III inventories and other needed natural resource surveys.
  - Currently delayed on this task, as we are awaiting support from our contracting office.
- Drafted project governance structure (Memorandum of Understanding).
  - Provided to the MOG before this meeting. We hope to use this document as our cooperating agency agreement.
- Worked with USFWS to draft a Purpose and Need for this initiative.
- Finalized GIS and legal descriptions for site-specific segments and identified all ROW holders.

# Next Steps

## Summer 2020

- Initial outreach to potential cooperators (invitations).
- Draft proposed action and alternatives.
- Award 3rd party contract for data gathering and NEPA support.
- Hire term archeologist that will help lead the Section 106 process for this initiative.
- Contractors begin data gathering.
- Initial cooperators meetings to refine alternatives.
- Nancy Army will be jumping in as the permanent project manager for this initiative.

# Asks of MOG Members

- ✓ Please provide feedback on the draft MOU (including the draft purpose and need). Send track changes and comments to Matt Magaletti ([mmagalet@blm.gov](mailto:mmagalet@blm.gov)) no later than **5/29/20**. Specifically:
  - ✓ Review the document on behalf of your agency and provide revisions in track changes.
  - ✓ Review the purpose and need for the effort which is found on pages 2-3 (Background) of the draft MOU.
  - ✓ Identify representatives for each of the working groups on this initiative (Appendix 1 of the MOU).
- ✓ Respond to our cooperating invitation letter, which we hope to mail out by the end of May.

*Thanks and I would be happy to address any of your question.*