



Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

Tortoise Survey Request – FORM A

Please email completed form to: info@redcliffsdessertreserve.com

or

Drop it off / mail to our Visitor's Center at: 180 N 200 E #111, St. George, UT 84770

In January of 2021, Washington County was issued an incidental take permit by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to authorize the incidental take of Mojave desert tortoise on private lands. The permit was issued in association with an agreement made by the County and local municipalities, known as a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The County's HCP requires tortoise surveys and removals prior to development on all lands adjacent to the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. These areas, also known as "take areas," may be adjusted to include additional locations if determined to contain tortoises. Landowners developing within these "take areas," or in other identified tortoise habitat, are protected under the county's permit as long as they coordinate with the HCP administration for tortoise surveys and removals prior to habitat alteration such as grading, digging and construction.

Washington County HCP, at no cost to the landowner, will conduct one set of tortoise surveys during the required windows for clearances from March 15 - May 15 or August 20 - October 20. Depending on the site of development, there may be restrictions on how soon development should occur to avoid tortoises returning to the area. Second surveys may be required if development does not occur within 60 days of a clearance or 90 days of a survey. If required, the costs of a second removal will be paid by the developer. Please call the HCP for questions (435) 256-6310.

Note: *Developers who are developing land immediately adjacent to the Reserve are required by ordinance to build an approved fence along the Reserve boundary prior to the County conducting the required surveys to prevent tortoises from returning to the property after the survey & removal.*

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PORTION OF THE FORM:

Landowner (please print)	Signature	Date	
Street address	City	State	Zip
() Office phone	() Cell phone	E-mail address	
General parcel location	Township/Range/Section		
Description of development	Total acres to be cleared	Requested start date	

Please attach a plat or similar detailed map to show exact location of property in need of survey

To be completed by HCP: The following forms are on file:

- Form B, Presence/Absence Notes: _____
- Form C, Search/Removal Notes: _____
- Form D, Release Notes: _____