




# DESERT TORTOISE STUDY CASE STUDY

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## PROJECT INFO

*Fencing Type:* AMX-T40

*Installation:* Above Ground

*Longevity:* Temporary

*Species:* Desert Tortoise

*Client:* First Solar

*Location:* Las Vegas, Nevada

## SUMMARY

We supplied and trained biologists how to conduct a low impact installation of 3000' temporary Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) fencing for First Solar in partnership with Ironwood Biological Consulting. The fencing was installed to assist with the capture and translocation of this federally listed species to clear the site for the construction of a new solar energy plant. Discussions with many contractors and biologists on site revealed that previously specified mesh Desert Tortoise fencing installation methods often damaged large areas of surrounding habitat, had been found to corrode within a few years of installation and also posed risks to wildlife.



### Challenges

- Extreme climate
- Damaged mesh on site
- Low impact



### Actions

- Custom fence color
- Installation support
- Tortoise shelters



### Outcomes

- Safer for tortoises
- Quick installation
- Reusable fence

