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## Helping The Endangered Desert Tortoise



**Problem:** Ravens and crows using BLM boundary fences as perches to hunt the juvenile Desert Tortoise found in the Mojave & Sonoran deserts.

**Solution:** Install Premium Nixalite on boundary fences and gates to eliminate them as possible perches for ravens







#### **DESERT TORTOISE**

(Gopherus agassizii)



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#### Did you know..

The Desert Tortoise (aka gopher tortoise) creates large burrows and an underground habitat that is critical to many other species. Burrows can be 3 to 6ft deep.

#### **Current Status:**

Vulnerable. Listed as endangered in 1989

Population: 80% depleted

**Territory:** Native to the Mojave & Sonoran deserts of the Southwestern US and northern Mexico.

Threats: Loss of habitat, shooting, predators and diseases. Ravens can cause significant levels of juvenile tortoise predation in some areas of the Mojave Desert.

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