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Memorandum

To: Acting Field Manager, Needles Field Office, Bureau of Land Management,
Needles, California

From: Assistant Field Supervisor, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, Ventura, California
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Subject: Desert Tortoise Translocation Guidance for the BrightSource Ivanpah Solar
Electric Generating System Project, San Bernardino County, California.

The attached document transmits the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) guidance for translocation of desert tortoises on the proposed 4200-acre Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System (ISEGS) project. In June of 2008, the Bureau of Land Management (Bureau) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) held a data response and issue identification workshop, where the Service identified the need to develop a translocation plan for desert tortoises that currently inhabit the proposed project site. The Service needs a detailed translocation plan from the applicant for analysis during the section 7 consultation process. In addition, the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and the CEC have indicated their need for a translocation plan for consideration in their respective permitting processes.

The Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office developed the attached guidance with input from staff of the Desert Tortoise Recovery Office, CEC, CDFG, and the Bureau's Needles Field Office. The applicant should use this guidance to develop a detailed translocation plan for the ISEGS project. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Brian Croft of the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office at (951) 697-5365.

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