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RE: **Supplemental EIS for USMC Tortoise Translocation**

NEED TO BE ADDRESSED:

Cattle and rancher not to be blamed for any tortoise deaths. To be documented as part of action.

No translocation unless green feed is sufficient for a full springtime/early summer feeding.

Some areas identified might be too rocky for burrows. Plan accordingly.

Be prepared for multiple tortoise losses due to placement in a new environment with current tortoise carrying capacity likely at its limit.

Wandering tortoises w/o burrows directly after placement becoming coyote lunches.

Tortoises might fare better left where they are.

