

Rehab on the View fire



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BLM Engine 3630 installing straw wattles with the FMO and Fuels Specialist on the View Fire

The View Fire started on June 17, 2012, burning over 364 acres of occupied desert tortoise habitat. The Palm Springs fire and fuels program placed straw wattles in strategic locations to reduce erosion and promote the reestablishment of native vegetation. The certified weed-free wattles are used to stabilize slopes that were burned in the fire. Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation (ESR) funds were requested and received in September to implement erosion control and soil stabilization.

Emergency actions were taken immediately following the wildfire to reduce the effects of floods, landslides, and erosion by stabilizing soils to reduce further resource damage.

The burned area is home to a large, healthy population of the threatened desert tortoise.