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To: Allen Calvert, Program Manager, Mojave Desert Inventory and Monitoring Network

From: David Smith, Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park

Subject: Handling of protected natural resource data

The Superintendent of Joshua Tree National Park has identified resources that are rare, threatened, endangered, or commercially valuable. Information about these resources (the specific location, abundance, presence, or absence), if released to the public or other unapproved audiences, has been determined to potentially result in harm, theft, or destruction. To ensure data are appropriately protected in accordance with park management priorities, the following rules must be followed when disseminating natural resource information collected by the Mojave Desert Inventory and Monitoring Network through inventory, monitoring, or other related scientific activities.

Type of Data	Level of Protection	Rules for Dissemination
Resource Data and Information		
<i>Gopherus agassizii</i> , (Desert tortoise)	Legally Protected	The specific location of desert tortoise burrows should be redacted; non-spatial evidence of desert tortoise presence in the vicinity of a spring is not protected.
All Bat Species		The specific location of species observations will be protected from release to the public by generalizing the observation location to a 5km polygon indefinitely. Roost locations will be redacted indefinitely.
Location Data and Information		
Mine Entrances	Operationally Protected	The specific location of this resource will be protected from release to the public by generalizing the location to a 5km grid cell for an indefinite time period.
Cave Entrances	Legally Protected	The specific location of this resource will be protected from release to the public by generalizing the location to a 5km grid cell for an indefinite time period.
Paleontological Resources	Legally Protected	The specific location of this resource will be protected from release to the public by redaction for an indefinite time period.