Desert Tortoise Conservation Biology

The Desert Institute at Joshua Tree National Park

Date, Time and Location: March 23, 2019, 8 am – 6 pm in the Bell Center Community Room, Copper Mountain College, 6162 Rotary Way, Joshua Tree CA 92252.

Instructors:

Kristin Berry Ph.D., Western Ecological Research Center, United States Geological Survey

Edward LaRue Jr. M.S., Desert Tortoise Council and Circle Mountain Biological Consultants Inc.

Michael Vamstad M.S., Wildlife Ecologist, Joshua Tree National Park (JTNP)

Brain Croft, Wildlife Biologist, United States Fish and Wildlife Service

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Schedule:

8:00-8:30 am	Welcome, Introductions and Continental Breakfast in BC Community Room
8:35-9:55 am	Paul Delaney--Hike in CMC Desert Tortoise Preserve
10:00-10:45 am	Kristin Berry -- Life History of Desert Tortoises and Threats to the Species
10:50-11:30 am	Edward LaRue Jr. -- Tortoise Sign Recognition (authored by Peter Woodman)
11:35-12:15 pm	Paul Delaney -- CMC Translocation Area Management
12:15-1:00 pm	Lunch and Video “Desert Tortoises: The Heat Is On”.
1:05-1:45 pm	Michael Vamstad – Tortoise Conservation and Education-Related Activities in JTNP
1:50-2:35 pm	Brian Croft – USFWS Range-Wide Monitoring Program for Desert Tortoises
2:40-4:30 pm	Paul Delaney -- Field Demonstrations in CMC Translocation Area
4:35-6:00 pm	Exam for students taking the course for credit at UC Riverside