Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

RED CLIFFS
DESERT RESERVE

Survey Clearance Form
FORM A

<u>Please send completed form to:</u> Washington County HCP, 197 E. Tabernacle, St. George, UT 84770, or fax to (435) 634-5758.

With the signing of the HCP, the County was issued an incidental take permit for desert tortoises on approximately 12,690 acres of private lands located outside of the Red Cliffs Desert Reserve. *<u>Landowners within these "take areas" are protected under the county's permit as long as they coordinate with the HCP administration for presence/absence and search/ removal surveys prior to habitat alteration</u>* (grading, digging, vegetation removal, construction of roads, etc.)

Washington County, at no cost to the landowner, will conduct one set of tortoise surveys during the lawful windows for clearances from March 15 - May 15 or August 20 - October 20. Depending on the site of development there may be restrictions on how soon development may occur to avoid tortoises returning to the area. Second surveys may be required if development does not occur within 60 or 90 days. If required, the costs will be paid by the developer. Please feel to call Bob Sandberg at (435) 467-5759 should you have any questions.

Note: *Developers who are preparing to develop <u>land immediately adjacent</u> to the Reserve are <u>required by ordinance to build an approved fence along the Reserve boundary prior to the County conducting the required surveys to restrict tortoises from moving on to the property</u> in question after the County clears it.*

Please complete this portion of the form:

Landowner _____Signature_____Date_____

Address_____ Contact phone _____

City _____State_____ Zip_____ General parcel location_____

Legal description: Township/Range/Section _____

Description of development _____

Total acres to be cleared_____ Requested start date _____

(Plat or some similar detailed map must be attached to show exact location of property for this application to be considered complete)

To be completed by HCP: The following forms are on file:

☐   Form B, Presence/Absence Notes:_____

☐   Form C, Search/Removal Notes:_____

☐   Form D, Release Notes:_____