

SMALL ANIMAL USE OF WILDLIFE UNDERPASSES

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BACKGROUND

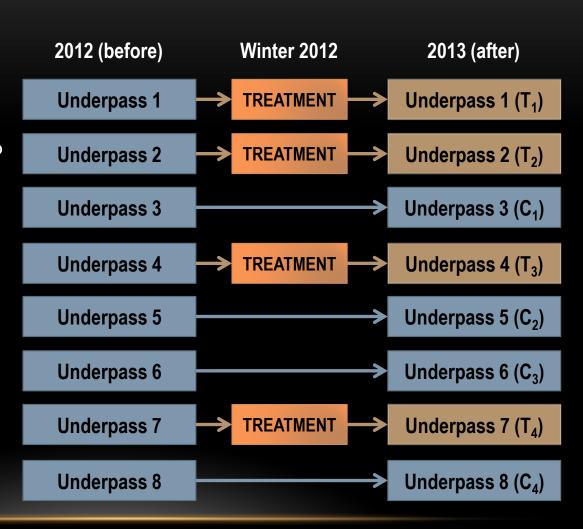
- Possibilities:
 - Road Mortality
 - Avoid/fail to cross
 - Cross at grade
 - Find and use crossing structure, if available
 - Successfully transit
 - Predators?
- Use
 - More focus on large animals
 - Life history, detection, perceived risk
 - Enhancement



OBJECTIVES AND APPROACH

Questions:

- •Is large animal use a good indicator of small animal use?
- •Which small animal species, of those in the surrounding area, use the underpasses?
- •What is the effect, if any, of adding structure inside underpasses on small animal use of the underpasses?





CAMERAS

- Reconyx PC800 HyperFire
 - IR flash
- Manufacturer
 - Increased sensitivity
 - Decreased focal length
- Placed close to the ground
 - Approx. 2 inches
- Trigger Mechanisms:
 - Motion Detection
 - Time Lapse





CAMERA PLACEMENT 2



CAMERA INSTALLATION & PLACEMENT

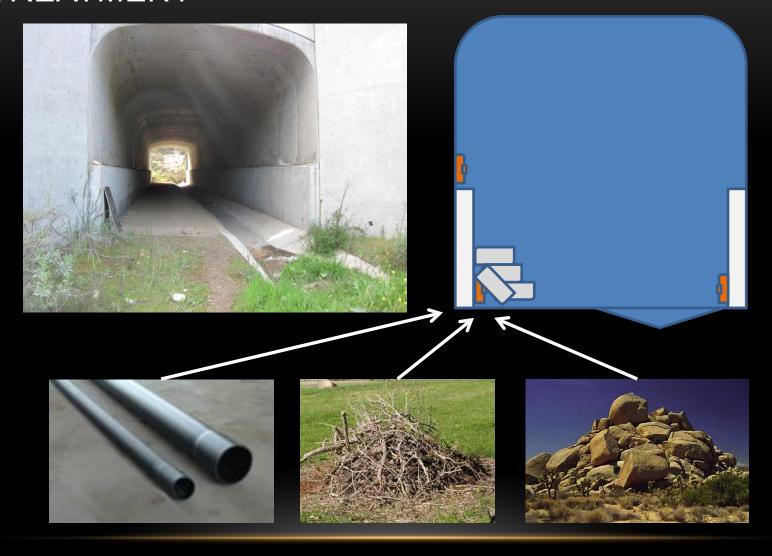






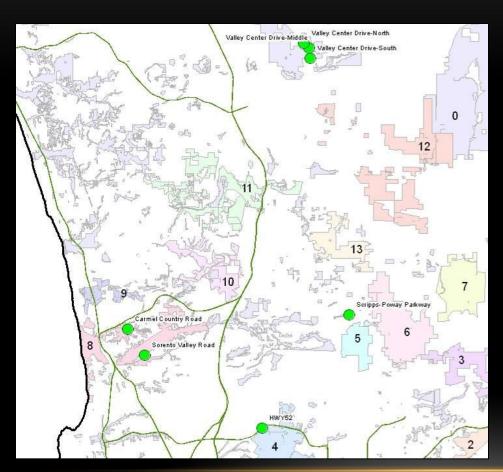


TREATMENT





STUDY SITES



- 8 tunnels with cameras
 - SR-52 at Mission Trails (1)
 - Sorento Valley (1)
 - Carmel Country Road (2)
 - Scripps-Poway Parkway (1)
 - Valley Center Road (3)
- Tunnels
 - No roads
 - No riparian (water)



VALLEY CENTER ROAD











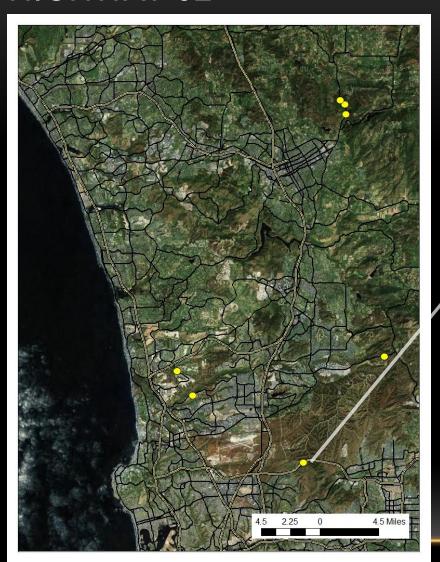
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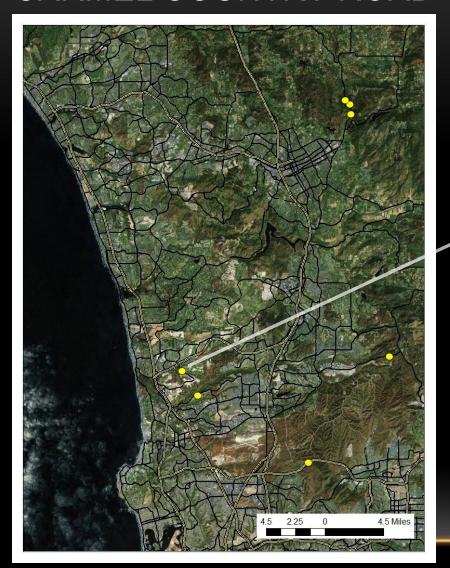
HIGHWAY 52

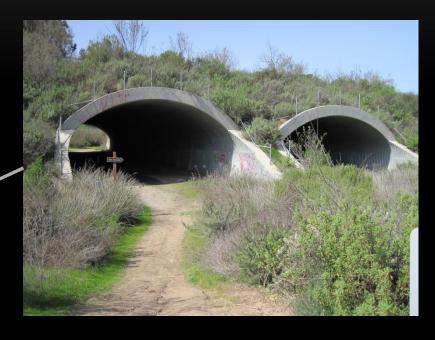






CARMEL COUNTRY ROAD







SORRENTO VALLEY ROAD







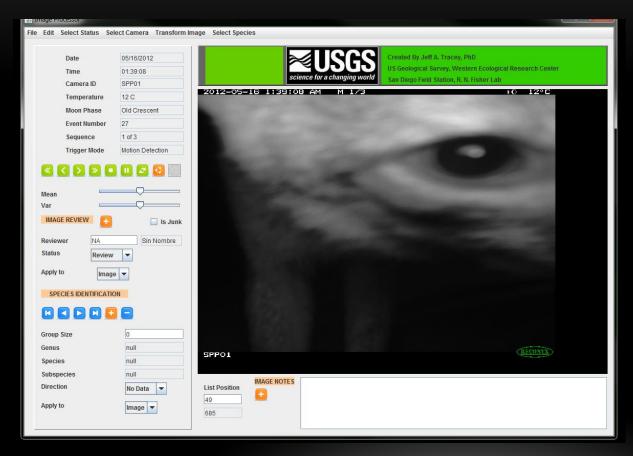
PROGRESS SO FAR

- Installation:
 - Interior cameras: 5/15 7/2
 - Exterior cameras: 5/16 8/15
 - 26 cameras currently deployed
- Challenges with external cameras
- Total: 998,419 images, 350.9 GB (as of 9/20/12)
- At SPP: 96,693 images 34.9 GB (as of 9/20/12);
 - > 11,000 motion detection images with animals (incl. humans)
 - About 10% are motion detection





IMAGE PROCESSING



"Scanimals Logo Ideas"

- Java Program (in β testing; that is, *not ready for release*)
- Written by Jeff
- A lot of input on design specifications, desired features, and use cases by Cheryl and Carlton
- Testing and initial application by Derrick Miranda, Devin Adsit-Morris, and John Uzzardo



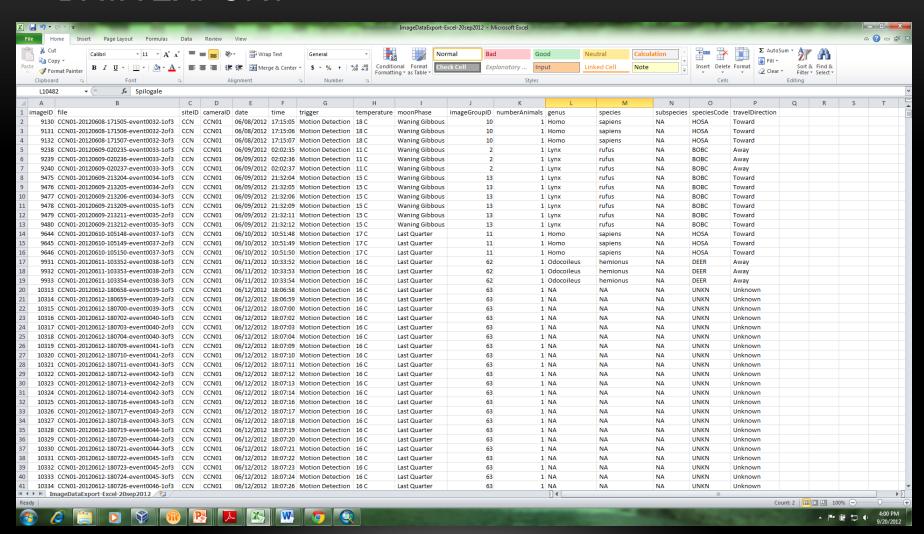
WHAT THE IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM DOES

- Preprocess Images
 - Extract metadata
 - Copy image to working folder with unique name
 - Add entry in data structure
- Select Subsets of the Images
- View, navigate, animate, transform images

- Assign an evaluation status to images
- Assign species identification to images from pull-down menu
 - Menu created from CSV file of species data
 - Carlton made our list
- Export data to CSV files
 - Later to Access and/or MySQL?

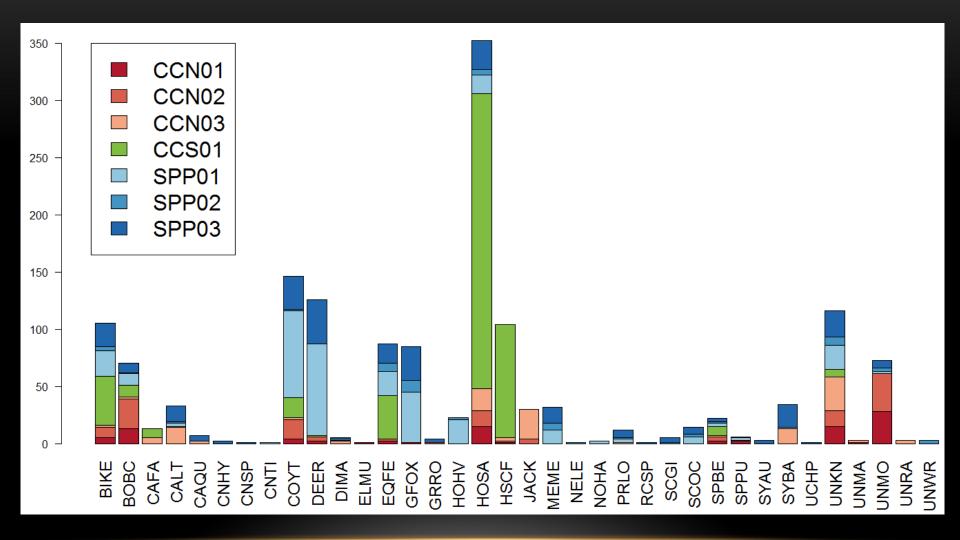


DATA EXPORT

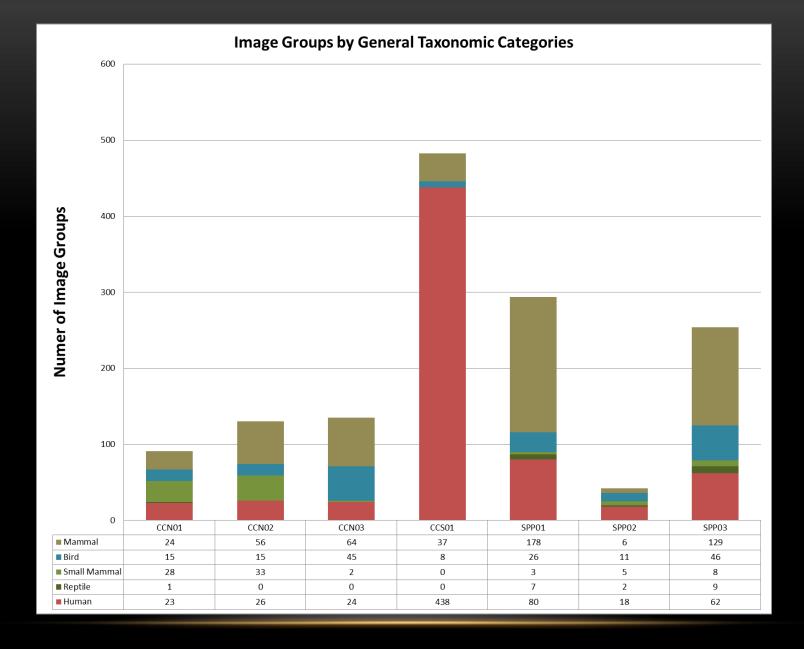




DATA SUMMARY FROM THREE SITES

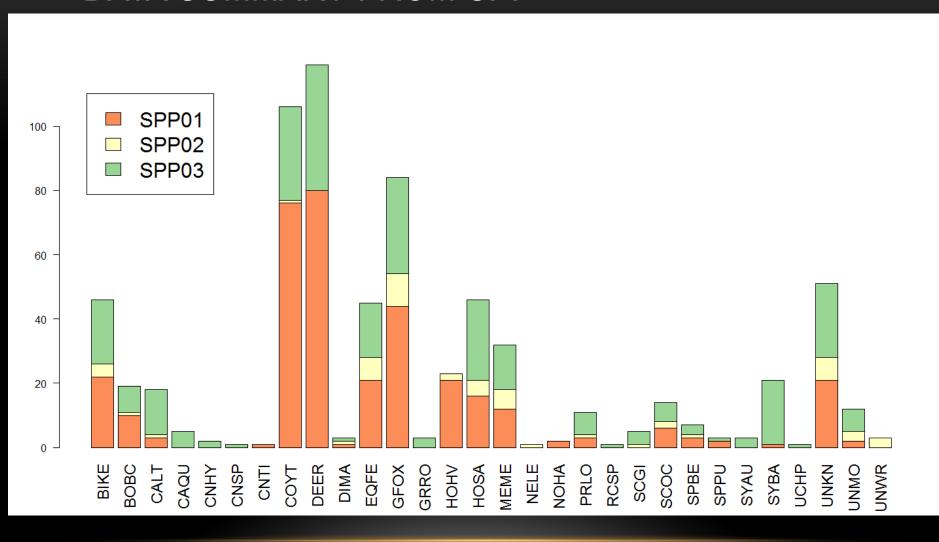








DATA SUMMARY FROM SPP





SMALL ANIMALS

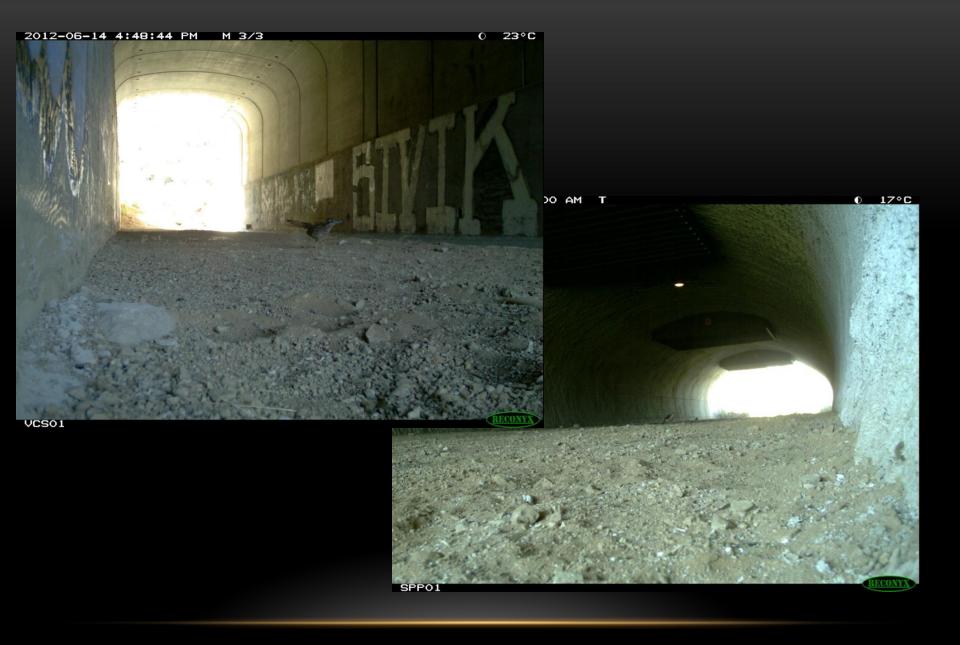






















LARGER ANIMALS





















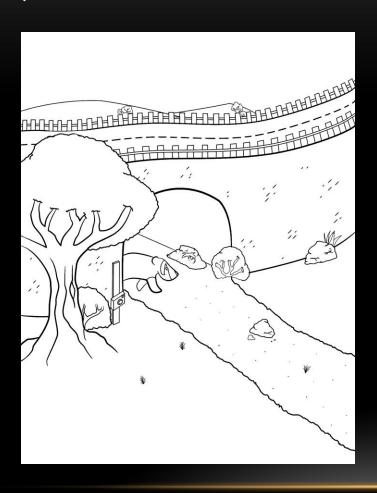
HUMAN USE 0 26°C 2012-06-24 11:50:32 AM M 3/3 2012-05-26 2:14:58 PM



WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT

- Shutdown cameras for the winter
- Put structures in treatment underpasses and allow animals to become habituated
- Resume monitoring in the spring
- Image processing...including time lapse images
- Data analysis
- Report results

QUESTIONS



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