





# *THE HEAT IS ON : DESERT TORTOISES & SURVIVAL*

A NEW USGS DOCUMENTARY VIDEO EXPLORING THE WORLD OF THE MOJAVE DESERT TORTOISE

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-  The Mojave Desert tortoise, an important indicator of desert ecosystem health, is being threatened by habitat loss, predators, wildfire, and disease
-  Population numbers have severely declined during the last 40 years, raising survival concerns and driving recent recovery efforts
-  Can scientists meet the challenge of providing the information required to reverse trends impacting the habitat and wellbeing of the tortoise, and threatening extinction?
-  *The Heat Is On – Desert Tortoises & Survival*  
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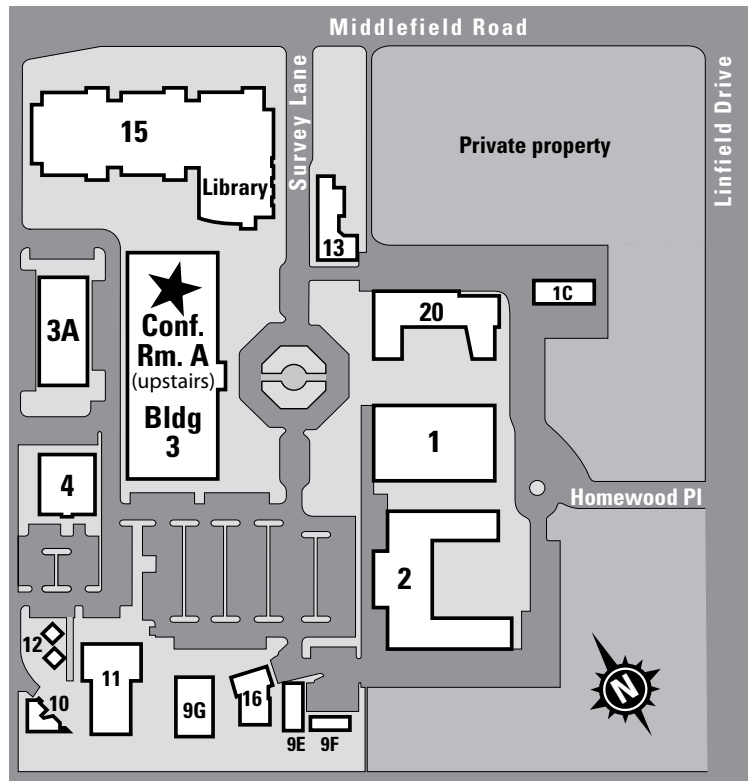
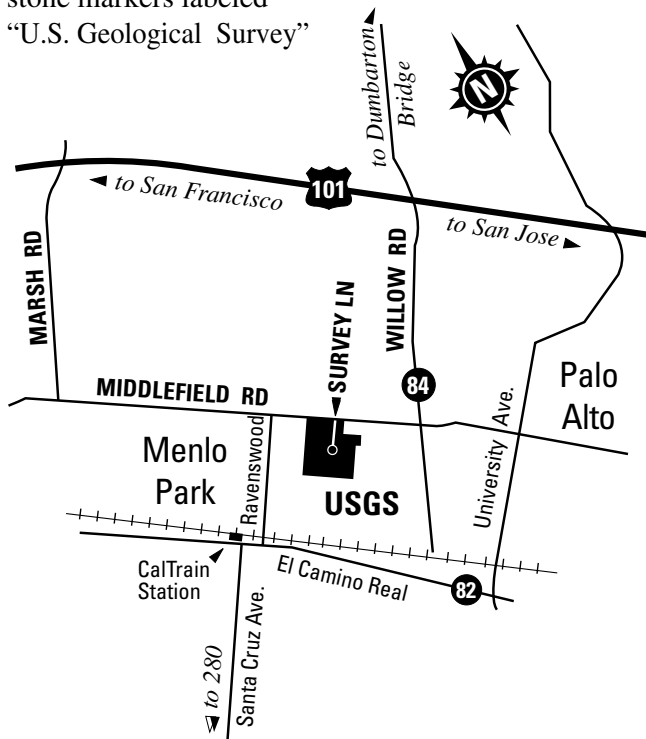
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- Go west to the T-junction with Middlefield Rd.
- Turn left (south)

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