

ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION

BONITA GRASSLAND FENCE REMOVAL

SEPTEMBER 21, 2013

Project Location: We will be working on AZ State Land boundary fences 12 miles north of Wilcox and 3 miles south of Bonita, Arizona.

Project Begins: Saturday, September 21st. Please meet at camp at 8:00 AM. This is a one day project. If you arrive after 8:00 AM someone in camp will direct you to the project worksite.

Project Activity: We will be rolling up 3-4 miles of old 5-strand barbed wire from a previous new fence improvement.

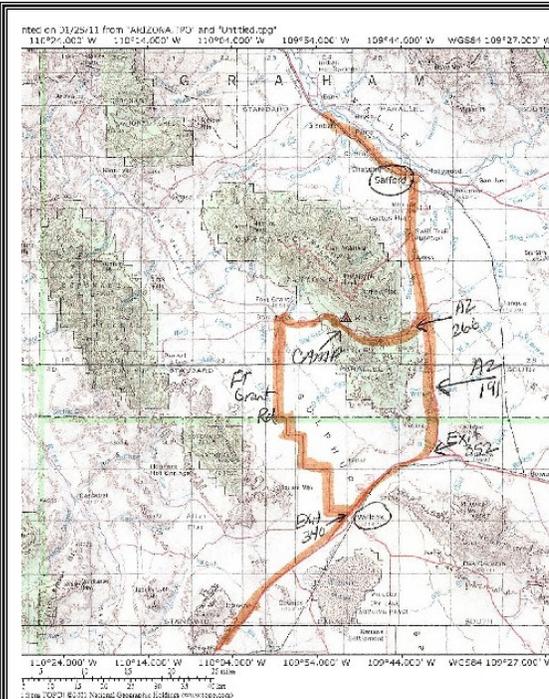
Pronghorn Benefits: This effort is located in direct proximity to ongoing mesquite removal for the Bonita Grasslands NRCS/G&F restoration project with a goal of improving up to 10,000 acres in the next 5 years and is 2 miles west of a 2011, AAF/NRCS/ranch funded HPC 300 acre mesquite removal project. The areas adjacent to and within this project have either been grubbed over the past 3 years, or are scheduled for grubbing within the next 1-2 years. This corridor project will help ensure that resident pronghorn can utilize open grassland corridors without interference due to downed barbed wire fencing. It will assist in accomplishing a key portion of the overall Bonita Plains pronghorn travel corridor improvement project.

NFWF Grant Benefits: All labor hours, materials and mileage will be used to match the AAF's \$230K 3-year grant for our "Southeastern Arizona Grasslands Pronghorn Initiative". The grant has a goal of improving up to 100,000 acres of "Pronghorn habitat connectivity".

Meals: Please provide your own lunch to eat in the field on Saturday.

What to Bring: Work gloves (The AAF will have a limited supply), snacks, water, personal gear.

**THE AAF WILL PROVIDE DINNER
FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS SATURDAY
NIGHT**



Directions to Camp:

AAF project/camp site will be at the **Stockton Pass USFS Campground** which has been reserved for our group for 3-days and has restrooms and tables but no water. It is located 12 miles west of the intersection of AZ 191 and AZ 266 on AZ 266.

From Safford: Drive south 17 miles on AZ 191 to AZ 266. Turn southwest onto AZ 266 and continue 12 miles to the Campground.

From Wilcox (Route #1): Drive east on I-10 for 12 miles. Take exit 352 to AZ 191, and turn north toward Safford. Drive 17 miles north and turn west on AZ 266, continue 12 miles to the Campground.

From Wilcox (Route #2): Turn north from I-10 at exit 340 (past Shell/Truck Stop) on the Fort Grant Road. Drive the main paved road approximately 15 miles north (it has several dog leg turns) to the intersection of Ft. Grant Road and AZ 266. Turn east on AZ 266, continue approximately 4 miles to the Campground.

From Tucson: Drive east on I-10 for 90 miles. Take exit 352 to AZ 191, and turn north toward Safford. Drive 17 miles north and turn west on AZ 266, continue 12 miles to the Campground.

From Phoenix: Drive to Safford or Tucson and follow the instructions given above.

Contact: Glen Dickens at (520-247-4907) for project information. If you are planning to attend, **please RSVP** to info@azantelope.org **by September 16th** so we can plan to have enough food and tools.

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