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RE: Out of Cycle HPC Application

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I had applied for an HPC Grant in September 2009 to fund a pronghorn telemetry study in Game Management Unit (GMU) 7 West to identify movement corridors. Unfortunately, as I understand it, there was some miscommunication concerning this project between the Department and the Arizona Antelope Foundation (AAF). I conducted a fieldtrip in July 2009 with Jimmy Mehen, then president of the Arizona Antelope Foundation; a representative from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Kaibab National Forest personnel. The purpose of the fieldtrip was to look at and discuss the IDA grassland project, the Slate Mountain project and the Kendrick Park pronghorn telemetry study. Mr. Mehen did a write up about this fieldtrip that appeared later in the "Pronghorn" newsletter. I specifically wanted the AAF's input on these projects and wanted AAF to see them first hand. Good discussions occurred during the fieldtrip about these projects as well as other projects in GMU 7.

I was under the impression the fieldtrip was sufficient communication between the Flagstaff Department staff and the Arizona Antelope Foundation. I'm sorry other members of AAF did not know about his project. I assure you I will communicate better in the future. In talking with Ron Thompson, the Department's HPC coordinator, we decided to resubmit the West Kendrick Park Pronghorn Telemetry Study out of cycle for your consideration of funding. This project will greatly enhance our knowledge of pronghorn movement throughout GMU 7 and specifically identify future pronghorn habitat enhancement opportunities.

Thank you for considering this project and all the great work the Arizona Antelope Foundation has completed. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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