

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT  
HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM  
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Project Title:</b> Bighorn sheep translocation from Navajo Nation to Unit 18B	<b>Project No. 10-709</b>
<b>Region/GMU:</b> Region 3, Unit 18B	<b>HPC:</b>
<b>Project Type:</b> Monitoring	
<b>Project Description:</b> Bighorn sheep are available from the San Juan (Mexican Hat) area on the Navajo Nation. The Nation has contacted the Department to offer a cooperative effort whereby 30 bighorn sheep would be provided to the state if an additional 20 could be relocated to Wetherill Canyon on Navajo lands. Disease compatibility comparisons are ongoing, but the Department can conduct the capture and relocation. Monitor the home range and highway crossings in the reintroduced herd.	
<b>Wildlife Species to Benefit:</b> Bighorn sheep	
<b>Possible Funding Partners:</b>	
<b>Implementation Schedule:</b> <b>Beginning:</b> October 2010 <b>Completed:</b> November 2010	<b>NEPA Compliance: (if applicable)</b> <b>Completed:</b> Yes ___ No <u>X</u> <b>Projected Completion Date:</b>
<b>PROJECT FUNDING</b>	
<b>SBG Funds Requested:</b> \$47,000 <b>Cost Share Funds:</b> \$20,000 – Primarily capture personnel time and materials, but would also include some federal aid dollars for helicopter <b>Total Project Costs:</b> \$67,000	
<b>PARTICIPANT INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Applicant:</b> Brian Wakeling (please print) <b>Telephone:</b> 623-236-7385	<b>Address:</b> Arizona Game and Fish Department Game Branch 5000 West Carefree Highway Phoenix, AZ 85086
<b>AGFD Contact and Phone No.</b> (If applicant is not AGFD personnel)	
<b>Coordinated with:</b> Region 3 game specialist	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Applicant's signature:</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 8-31-10

**SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:**  
 AZ Game and Fish Department  
 Attn: Game Branch  
 5000 W. Carefree Highway  
 Phoenix, AZ 85086  
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**WAS PROJECT PRESENTED TO THE LOCAL HPC?**      YES \_\_\_\_\_      NO  X

**HAS PROJECT BEEN SUBMITTED IN PREVIOUS YEARS? IF SO WAS IT FUNDED?**  
No

**NEED STATEMENT/PROBLEM ANALYSIS:**

As part of the continued effort to reestablish the Hell's Half Acre population of bighorn sheep, this activity would facilitate the translocation of additional sheep. Hell's Half Acre has received two translocations to date, and this would make a third release.

**PROJECT OBJECTIVES:**

Complete translocation of 30 bighorn sheep to Unit 18B; and monitor bighorn sheep movement across Highway 93 into Unit 16A.

**PROJECT STRATEGIES:**

Capture, test, collar, and release bighorn sheep to assist in population reestablishment.

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

Near Mexican Hat in Utah to Hell's Half Acre in Unit 18B.

**LAND OWNERSHIP AT PROJECT SITE (Please state specifically if PRIVATE PROPERTY and provide landowner's name):**

Navajo Nation at capture site, BLM at release site

**IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?**

N/A

**HABITAT DESCRIPTION:**

**ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:**

- \$35,000:      Tag funds will be used to pay helicopter expenses for Department personnel to capture bighorn sheep; the Department will pay a portion of these expenses with federal aid funds.
- \$12,000:      Tag funds will be used to affix GPS radio-collars on 3 bighorn sheep released into Hell's Half Acre to monitor highway crossings and home ranges.

**LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:**

Primarily financial cooperation will come from Department funds for equipment, personnel, and vehicle use. Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society representatives may participate and assist in operation. Navajo Nation biologists will participate and the Nation will cover their expenses and transport expenses for releases on their lands.

**PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:**

The Region will continue to monitor and survey this population for a minimum of 5 years post release.

**PROJECT MAINTENANCE:**

N/A

**PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:**

This will be submitted as part of the annual performance reporting through the game subprogram. Completion will be Regional responsibility.