

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

Game Branch / HPC Project Number:	11-701
Possible Funding Partners:	

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Statewide Bighorn Sheep Surveys for Fall 2012

Region and Game Management Units: 1 and 27 (to include Black River, Foote Creek, and Bear Canyon), 6A, 15, 33, 42, and 43B

Local Habitat Partnership Committee (LHPC):

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Was the project presented to the LHPC?

YES[] NO[x]

Has this project been submitted in previous years? YES[] NO[x]

If Yes, was it funded? YES[] NO[x] → **HPC Project #:**

Project Type: Bighorn sheep survey

Brief Project Summary:

Conduct supplemental surveys to determine herd demographics.

Units 1 and 27 = 15 hours to examine Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep post fire.

Unit 6A = 3 hours to determine Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep herd demographics post release.

Unit 15 = 42 hours to determine desert bighorn sheep demographics in concert with bighorn sheep management plan.

Unit 33 = 5 hours to survey for remaining bighorn sheep in Catalinas.

Unit 42 = 3 hours post release monitoring of desert bighorn sheep.

Unit 43B = 16 hours to determine if sufficient source desert bighorn sheep exist for translocation.

Total of 81 hours.

Big Game Wildlife Species to Benefit: Bighorn sheep

Implementation Schedule (Month/Day/Year):

Project Start Date: October 2012

Project End Date: November 2012

Environmental Compliance:

NEPA Completed: YES[] No[] N/A[x]

Projected Completion Date: _____

State Historic Preservation Office - Archaeological Clearance:

YES[] No[] N/A[x]

Projected Completion Date: _____

Arizona Game and Fish Department EA Checklist: N/A[]

To be Completed by: Wakeling

Projected Completion Date: completed in June 2010

PROJECT FUNDING

Special Big Game License Tag Funds Requested:

\$ 81,000

Cost Share or Matching Funds:

\$

Total Project Costs:

\$ 81,000

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION		
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AGFD Contact and Phone No. (If applicant is not AGFD personnel):		
Project has been coordinated with: Regional Game Specialists		

NEED STATEMENT – PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

Supplemental surveys of bighorn sheep are necessary to monitor recent translocations, source stock for translocation, and other populations that are suffering declines from predation, drought, or disease.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Determine herd status for a variety of bighorn sheep populations.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND STRATEGIES:

Conduct helicopter surveys of bighorn sheep herds to determine population demographic parameters.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Units 1 and 27 (to include Black River, Foote Creek, and Bear Canyon), 6A, 15, 33, 42, and 43B

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

Not a private property issue. Public land survey overflight.

IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A STEWARDSHIP or LANDOWNER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?
YES[] NO[]

HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

Special Big Game License Tag Funds

See list of hours by unit; cost estimated at \$1000/hour which includes fuel truck and ferry time.
Cost Share or Matching Funds

Although not itemized, survey flights will include 3 Department employees, whose salary may vary among participants. Employee and related expenses are paid by the agency.

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

Will be included as part of the annual performance reporting by district wildlife managers.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

Will be included as part of the annual performance reporting by district wildlife managers.