

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

Game Branch / HPC Project Number:	12-109
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PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: GMU 1 Salt House Cattle Exclosure Fence Replacement

Region and Game Management Unit: Region 1 / GMU 1

Local Habitat Partnership Committee (LHPC):
 • Springerville/Alpine HPC

Was the project presented to the LHPC?
 YES NO

Has this project been submitted in previous years? YES NO
 If Yes, was it funded? YES NO → HPC Project #:

Project Type: Habitat Maintenance

Brief Project Summary: Replace existing cattle exclosure fences within the Wallow Fire burn perimeter, around wetland habitat areas.

Big Game Wildlife Species to Benefit: Elk, Pronghorn, Deer and water fowl

Implementation Schedule (Month/Day/Year):

Project Start Date: May 2013

Project End Date: July 2013

Environmental Compliance:

NEPA Completed: YES No N/A

Projected Completion Date: _____

State Historic Preservation Office - Archaeological Clearance:

YES No N/A

Projected Completion Date: Done

Arizona Game and Fish Department EA Checklist: N/A

To be Completed by: Tyler Richins

Projected Completion Date: January 2013

PROJECT FUNDING

Special Big Game License Tag Funds Requested: \$ 8,500.00

Cost Share or Matching Funds: \$ 9,362.00

Total Project Costs: \$ 17,862.00

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Applicant (please print):
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Date: 8/23/2012

AGFD Contact and Phone No. (If applicant is not AGFD personnel):

Project has been coordinated with: USFS, Apache-Sitgreaves, Springerville Ranger District

NEED STATEMENT – PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

Dipping Vat was identified as an important waterfowl wetland in the late 1970's. A cattle enclosure fence was constructed around this wetland in the early 1980's. The fence is approximately 1 mile long and surrounds an area of approximately 24 acres. This enclosure has not only benefited waterfowl, it has also been very beneficial for other wildlife including elk, antelope, and deer.

In 2011, the Wallow Fire burned through this cattle enclosure. The fence, which was already in poor condition, was weakened. The USFS is providing fence materials to replace fences that occur within the perimeter of the Wallow Fire. This is an excellent opportunity to replace the fences so that they will be functional for another 20 plus years.

We currently have a special use permit with the forest service to maintain this fence, through December 2014. We are expecting to renew this permit before the permit's expiration date. The placement of the fences and development of these wetlands was a joint project between the USFS and Arizona Game and Fish Department and the replacement of this fence is supported by both Agencies.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

Replace approximately 1 mile of 4 stranded barbed wire fence to wildlife standards.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND STRATEGIES:

This project will require the removal of the current existing dilapidated fence, the disposal of the old materials, and the replacement of the fence with brand new materials.

PROJECT LOCATION:

This project is located within the boundaries of Game Management Unit 1, just south of Pole Knoll near Forest Road 285.

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

United States Forest Service, Apache-Sitgreaves, Springerville Ranger District

HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

This enclosure is located around a high elevation natural basin with emergent vegetation, including sedges and rushes, and a subalpine grasslands component comprised mostly of bunchgrass.

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

Special Big Game License Tag Funds

\$8,500.00-Labor for fence replacement (\$11,500.00/ mile)

Cost Share or Matching Funds

\$3,000.00 –Labor for fence replacement, provided by Water Fowl Funds, AGFD (\$11,500.00/ mile)

\$3,362.00 -Fence Materials, provided by FS (\$3,362.00/mile)

\$3,000.00 -Removal of old fence, coordinated by AGFD (\$3,000.00/mile)

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

USFS, Apache-Sitgreaves, Springerville Ranger District and Arizona Game and Fish Department.

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

N/A

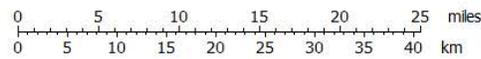
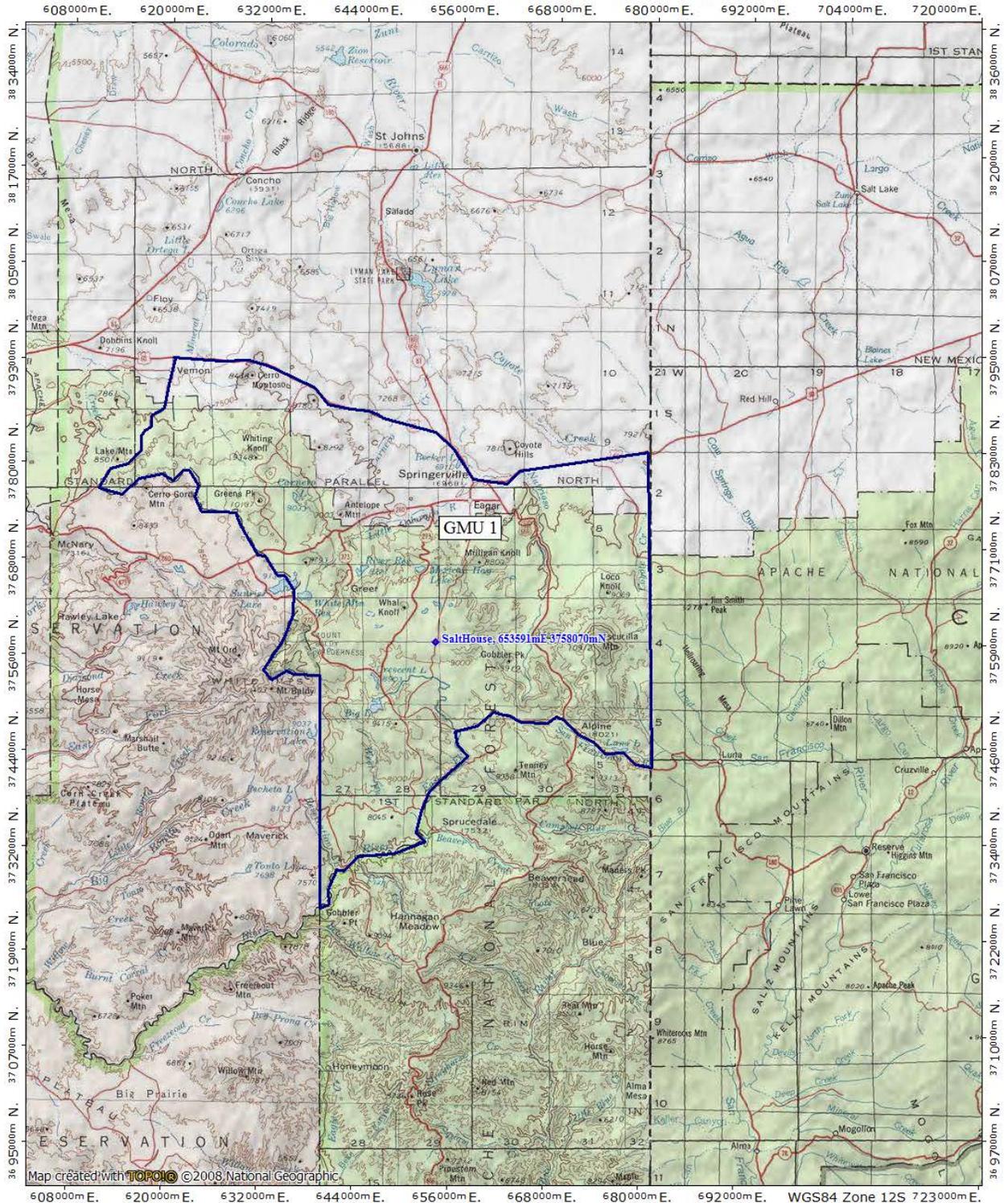
PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

Tyler Richins, Wildlife Manager, AGFD

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