

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

Game Branch / HPC Project Number: 13-217

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: RII – Regional Habitat Tool Cache

Region and Game Management Unit: Region 2 / South Sector / GMUs 5A-B, 6A-B, 7, 8, 9

Local Habitat Partnership Committee (LHPC):
• Flagstaff-Williams

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[] → **Funded HPC Project #(s):**

Project Type: Supply tools for ongoing AGFD RII habitat enhancement projects

Brief Project Summary: There are many opportunities that arise annually including fence removal/modification and tree thinning projects that use volunteers. While there is a surplus of willing labor, implements to accomplish the task are sometimes limited. This is a request to outfit the Region with the necessary tools to efficiently and effectively use the volunteers that are willing to help the Department complete these projects.

Big Game Wildlife Species to Benefit: Elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, turkey, pronghorn, and javelina

Implementation Schedule (Month/Day/Year):

Project Start Date:
March 2014

Project End Date:
March 2015

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[X]

To be Completed by: _____

Projected Completion Date: _____

PROJECT FUNDING

Special Big Game License Tag Funds Requested: \$ 3,100

Cost Share or Matching Funds: \$ 0

Total Project Costs: \$ 3,100

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Applicant (please print):
AGFD – Michael Rice

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Date: 08-30-2013

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

Project has been coordinated with: Larry Phoenix, AZGFD

NEED STATEMENT – PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

There are many opportunities that arise annually including fence removal/modification and tree thinning projects that use volunteers. Wildlife Managers, Habitat Program personnel, and Contracts Branch personnel often have to scrounge hand tools to adequately supply volunteers. This is a request to outfit the Region with the necessary tools to efficiently and effectively use the volunteers that are willing to help the Department complete these projects.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

To implement habitat projects within AGFD Region II Sector 8 using Department personnel and volunteer labor.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND STRATEGIES:

- Fence Removal
- Fence Modification
- Hand Lopping/Sawing

PROJECT LOCATION:

Any project area appropriately cleared with land management agency in GMUs 5A-B, 6A-B, 7, 8 and 9.

LAND OWNERSHIP AT THE PROJECT SITE(S):

(if the project area is private property, please state specifically and provide the landowner's name)

- Forest Service
- Arizona State Land Department
- Arizona Game and Fish Department

IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A COOPERATIVE BIG GAME STEWARDSHIP or LANDOWNER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?

YES[] NO[] N/A[X]

HABITAT DESCRIPTION:

The habitat in GMUs 5A-B, 6A-B, 7, 8 and 9 is varied but generally range from mid elevation scrub/grasslands to high elevation grasslands and pine forest vegetation types.

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

Special Big Game License Tag Funds

Procurement of tools:

Fencing Pliers - \$20.70 ea (x15) = \$310.50
Diagonal Cut Pliers - \$37.25 ea (x15) = \$558.75
Post Popper - \$117.75 ea (x2) = \$235.50
Hand Lopper - \$98.04 ea (x15) = \$1,470.60
Hand Saw - \$31.60 ea (x10) = \$316.00
Storage Box - \$148.80 ea (x1) = \$148.80

TOTAL Cost: \$3,040.15

Cost Share or Matching Funds (for volunteer labor rates please refer to the worksheet below)

N/A

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

U. S. Forest Service – Coordination
Arizona State Land Department – Coordination
Arizona Game and Fish Department – Coordination

WOULD IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROJECT ASSIST IN PROVIDING, MAINTAINING, OR FACILITATING RECREATIONAL ACCESS?

YES[] NO[] N/A[X]

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

Wildlife Manager Michael Rice will monitor and report to cooperators as needed.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

The tool cache will be housed at the Flagstaff Regional Office and maintained by the Flagstaff Regional Assistant.

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

A comprehensive report will be developed at the end of the project detailing all the accomplishments and incorporating recommendations for future similar efforts.

WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (please use the worksheet below):

N/A

TREE CLEARING/REMOVAL PROJECTS (please use the worksheet below):

N/A

Michael Rice, Wildlife Manager GMU 8
Arizona Game and Fish Department