

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

Game Branch / HPC Project Number: 13-702

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Statewide Bighorn Sheep Surveys for Fall 2014

Region and Game Management Unit: 6A/22 North, 12B, 15BW/15C/15D, 16A South, 22 South/24B, 39 West, and 45.

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[] → **Funded HPC Project #(s):**

Project Type: Bighorn sheep survey

Brief Project Summary: Conduct supplemental surveys to determine herd demographics.

Units 6A/22 North – 7 hours for monitoring of the West Clear Creek rocky mountain bighorn sheep population.

Units 12B – 10 hours to monitoring of the desert bighorn sheep population.

Unit 15BW/15C/15D – 18 hours for monitoring of the Black Mountains desert bighorn sheep population.

Unit 16A South – 6 hours for post-release monitoring of desert bighorn sheep (Peoples Canyon).

Unit 22 South/24B – 4 hours for monitoring of the desert bighorn sheep population prior to a proposed translocation.

Unit 39 West – 2 hours for post-release monitoring of desert bighorn sheep (Buckeye Hills).

Unit 45 – 30 hours for monitoring of Kofa desert bighorn sheep population.

Total of 77 hours.

Big Game Wildlife Species to Benefit: Bighorn sheep

Implementation Schedule (Month/Day/Year):

Project Start Date: October 2014

Project End Date: November 2014

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: Munig

Projected Completion Date: June 2014

PROJECT FUNDING

Special Big Game License Tag Funds Requested:

\$ 86,625

Cost Share or Matching Funds:

\$

Total Project Costs:

\$ 86,625

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:

6A/22 North, 12B, 15BW/15C/15D, 16A South, 22 South/24B, 39 West, and 45

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 \$1125/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:

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

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

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

Will be included as part of the annual performance reporting by game program staff.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE:

NA

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY:

Will be included as part of the annual performance reporting by game program staff.

WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (*please use the worksheet below*):

NA

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

NA