

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

Game Branch / HPC Project Number: 14-703

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: State-wide (other Than Region IV) Emergency Helicopter Maintenance and Water Hauling of Bighorn Sheep Water Developments

Region and Game Management Unit: State-wide (other than Region IV)

Local Habitat Partnership Committee (LHPC): •	Was the project presented to the LHPC? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Has this project been submitted in previous years? YES NO
If Yes, was it funded? YES NO → Funded HPC Project # 13-704:

Project Type: State-wide Emergency BHS Catchment Maintenance, Repair, Site Visits and Water Hauling via Helicopter

Brief Project Summary:
 This proposal is being submitted for the maintenance of various water developments for bighorn sheep throughout the state, other than Region IV, who submit their own proposal for the same type of work. Maintenance includes, among other things, emergency water hauling via helicopter. This is an important project in that it allows for the timely use of bighorn sheep special tag funds where they are needed for small projects or emergency maintenance. This proposal addresses minor repairs to bighorn sheep waters, as well as helicopter time for site visits with ADBSS representatives for future projects where necessary.

Big Game Wildlife Species to Benefit: Bighorn Sheep

<p>Implementation Schedule (Month/Day/Year):</p> <p><u>Project Start Date:</u> July 1st, 2015</p> <p><u>Project End Date:</u> June 30th, 2016</p>	<p>Environmental Compliance:</p> <p>NEPA Completed: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Projected Completion Date: _____</p> <p>State Historic Preservation Office - Archaeological Clearance: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Projected Completion Date: _____</p> <p>Arizona Game and Fish Department EA Checklist: N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>To be Completed by: _____</p> <p>Projected Completion Date: _____</p>
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PROJECT FUNDING

Special Big Game License Tag Funds Requested:	\$ 25,000.00
Cost Share or Matching Funds:	\$
Total Project Costs:	\$ 25,000.00

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Applicant (please print): Ed Jahrke	Address: AGFD Special Services Development Branch (Development Branch)	E-mail: ejahrke@agfd.gov
Telephone: (623) 236-7482		Date: 9/02/2014

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

Project has been coordinated with:

NEED STATEMENT – PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

Each year, maintenance needs arise concerning water catchments used by bighorn sheep. In some cases, immediate response will be required by Development Branch personnel to remedy these needs. Minor repairs are also sometimes identified, not necessarily constituting an emergency, but requiring prompt attention to prevent future bighorn sheep catchment failures. These repairs are often not significant in terms of materials or labor, but become expensive due to the need of helicopter use.

Similarly, joint site visits with ADBSS representatives, Development Branch personnel and land management agency personnel are needed for the repair or redevelopment of bighorn sheep waters; this is also a valid use for this fund. This activity allows for better preparation for a more comprehensive tag fund grant application for the redevelopment of these facilities.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- A). to buffer the current AGFD cost of maintaining inaccessible bighorn sheep waters by using bighorn sheep special tag funds.
- B). to increase the efficiency of using these funds by having jointly-approved funding available for immediate expenditure on a as-needed basis

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND STRATEGIES:

- A). Encumber the requested funding for emergencies requiring the use of a helicopter.
- B). Identify minor repairs to bighorn sheep water developments that can occur simultaneously to other projects occurring in the area.

PROJECT LOCATION:

State-wide bighorn sheep water development locations other than Region IV

LAND OWNERSHIP AT THE PROJECT SITE(S):

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

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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: Not applicable

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

Special Big Game License Tag Funds

To pay for helicopter ferry time, helicopter work time and fuel truck expenses.

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

LIST COOPERATORS AND DESCRIBE POTENTIAL PARTICIPATION:

The Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society will be collaborated with for any reasons outside the normal scope of this project. Personnel involved will be primarily AGFD Development Branch employees, with some participation by land management agency personnel and ADBSS membership on a case-by-case basis.

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

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

PROJECT MONITORING PLAN:

This project will be summarized in an annual report of expenditures and activities presented to the ADBSS projects committee, in addition to the required proposal completion report.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE: Not Applicable

PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT TO BE FILED BY: Ed Jahrke or his designee

WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS (please use the worksheet below):

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