Restoration of Pronghorn Antelope on the Pueblo of Santa Ana, New Mexico

a collaborative effort between











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Restoration Goals

 Restore and manage a viable population of approximately 100 pronghorn antelope on the Pueblo

• Sustain important wildlife species for current and future Pueblo generations

• Ensure the future practice of important traditional ceremonies on the Pueblo

Project History:

- Sept 2007- received grant through USFWS TWGP and initiated habitat improvements
- Nov 2007- received unanimous support from New Mexico Game Commission
- Oct 2008-completed transfer agreement
- Feb 2009-assisted NMDGF in trapping effort
- March 2010-assisted NMDGF in trapping effort
- August 2013-requested additional pronghorn from New Mexico Game Commission

September 2013

 Commission expressed concerns about humancaused pronghorn mortality on adjacent Pueblo lands

 Requested that Santa Ana show demonstrated progress with adjacent Pueblos to protect released pronghorn

• Commission requested that Santa Ana return with an update before further consideration

Outreach Update

- Sent letters to five neighboring Pueblos (Zia, Cochiti, San Felipe, Santo Domingo, and Sandia).
- Received responses from four Pueblos (Zia, Cochiti, Santo Domingo, and Sandia)
- Pronghorn will be protected through Codes,
 Resolutions, or Warchief Offices

Mitigative Actions

- Installed 10 miles of woven-wire fencing to control pronghorn dispersal
- Brushed-up a mile of fence line to control pronghorn dispersal
- Hired Conservation Enforcement Division Manager to develop Enforcement Division
- Received COPS grant which requires
 Division to engage in Community Policing between neighboring Pueblos

Pueblo of Santa Ana is seeking:

• Approval from the New Mexico State Game Commission to enter agreement with Pueblo for the transfer of 40 pronghorn antelope from the State of New Mexico to the Pueblo of Santa Ana

 Approval for New Mexico Department of Game and Fish to assist with planning and capture of pronghorn antelope in January 2015 for transfer to the Pueblo of Santa Ana

Pueblo of Santa Ana will provide:

- Funds for trapping supplies
- Funds for helicopter support
- Funds for veterinarian support
- Staff to assist with trapping effort
- Transport of antelope from trap site to Pueblo
- Pronghorn monitoring results

Financial Contribution

Activity	2009	2010	Total
Veterinarian Support	1,822	1,686	3,508
Trapping Supplies	7,150	1,215	8,365
Personnel	7,928	5,216	13,144
Total	\$16,900	\$8,117	\$25,017

