

Landscape Restoration

Restoring Pecos Landscape Connectivity

The Bureau of Land Management and partners such as the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish in southeastern New Mexico are working to enhance big game habitat and improve migration corridors. This is accomplished by the replacement of more than 300 miles of net-wire fence that are inhibiting the movement of pronghorn and mule deer. The overarching goal of this project is to connect populations of pronghorn and mule deer that are separated by impassible fences as well as open access to the resources they need to survive and reproduce. The project will replace net-wire fences with wildlife friendly barbed wire fence, which allow big game populations to move across the landscape in their home ranges.



Pronghorn cross under a wildlife friendly barbed wire fence in the Macho Habitat Management Area northwest of Roswell, NM.

 Working toward functioning landscapes

 Landscape scale planning helps benefit sagebrush ecosystems

 Provides better habitat connectivity

 Provides more intact expanses of vegetation for species to thrive