

SONORAN PRONGHORN MONTHLY UPDATE

January 19, 2005

Captive Breeding: All 7 pronghorn are doing well in the pen. Observers report that they seem to be more wary and alert than the original 3 had become. They appear to pay attention to every stimulus including humans, vehicles, coyote howling etc. Pen monitors reported that tracks indicated that a group of 5 illegal aliens crossed through the pen one night. They dug under the south fence to get in and climbed over the north fence to get out. The incident was reported to Law Enforcement personnel at Cabeza Prieta for investigation. Personnel have been trying to figure out a new irrigation set-up for the coming summer. We expect fawns in the next couple of months, so personnel are trying especially hard not to disturb the pronghorn for any reason. Interviews for the third pen monitor are scheduled for next week.

Water Projects: A work project is scheduled the weekend of February 12 to expand the storage capacity of the Granite Mountains and Sierra Pinta emergency water developments.

Forage Enhancements: Personnel from the AGFD surveyed and planned the pipeline and irrigation set-up for the Adobe Well forage enhancement site. A location for the freestanding water was also determined in the field. A work project the weekend of January 22 is scheduled to build the irrigation system, build the water, and lay out most of the pipeline. This will be accomplished by Game and Fish and US Fish and Wildlife Service personnel and volunteers from the Arizona Antelope Foundation.

Other Projects: Nothing to report at this time.

Wild Pronghorn: Nothing to report at this time.