

# SONORAN PRONGHORN MONTHLY UPDATE

February 2016

## *Captive Breeding:*

### **Cabeza Pen**

All the animals in the Cabeza pen are doing well. We have 5 fawns so far from 4 females.

#### Cabeza Pen

<b>NORTH HALF</b>		<b>SOUTH HALF</b>	
Adult Females	11	Adult Females	10
Yearling Females ( <i>b</i> 2015)	5	Yearling Females ( <i>b</i> 2015)	8
Adult Males	2	Adult Males	3
Yearling Males ( <i>b</i> 2015)	1	Yearling Males ( <i>b</i> 2015)	8
Fawns ( <i>b</i> 2016)	3	Fawns ( <i>b</i> 2016)	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total Pen</b>	<b>53</b>		

### **Kofa Pen**

All the animals in the Kofa pen are doing well. We have documented 5 fawns so far from 3 does.

#### Kofa Pen

Adult Females	11
Yearling Females ( <i>b</i> 2015)	8
Adult Males	2
Yearling Males ( <i>b</i> 2015)	8
Fawns (born 2016)	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>

***Wild Pronghorn Cabeza/ORPI/BMGR Herd:*** The radio-collared pronghorn are mostly in green areas. The females are beginning to break up into smaller groups for fawning. We documented 3 fawns on the latest telemetry flight.

***Wild Pronghorn Kofa Herd:*** Most of the pronghorn on Kofa have generally been using the same areas around King Valley on the Kofa NWR and Yuma Proving Ground. The buck that

crossed Highway 95 has returned to King Valley and was observed with other pronghorn in the vicinity of Clancy Tank. The doe that was north of King Valley near New Water Well has moved to the vicinity of the Eagletail Mountains. The doe from the Gila Bend Mountains has also moved near the Eagletail Mountains.

The newly released pronghorn have mostly been in the vicinity of the pen, and north and northwest of the pen in several intermingling groups, sometimes joined by previously released bucks. Two have joined other pronghorn and are south of Neversweat Water.

***Wild Pronghorn BMGR-East Herd:*** These newly released pronghorn initially stayed together in one or two groups, but with the onset of fawning season have broken up into several smaller groups. Most are south of the Saucedo Mountains, but two groups totaling 11 animals have moved north and are on East Tactical Range. One buck crossed Highway 85 and is north of the Crater Mountains.

There has been one mortality of a buck sometime around mid-February; a mortality signal was detected on the February 21 telemetry flight. The investigation suggests possible mountain lion predation however the length of time since the buck's death may have concealed some evidence. There were both coyote and mountain lion tracks and drag marks near the site.

***Water Projects:*** Three temporary waters on BMGR-East were put out in February.

***Forage Enhancements:*** Nothing new to report.

***Other Projects:*** Nothing new to report.

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