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

a collaborative effort between

New Mexico State Game Commission
Albuquerque, NM
September 29, 2015

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/March 2010 - captured and transferred 60 pronghorn to Santa Ana

- August 2013-requested 40 additional pronghorn from New Mexico Game Commission

September 2013

- Commission expressed concerns about human-caused 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

November 2014

- Santa Ana returned to Commission to provide an update on Commission request

- Pronghorn would be protected on four neighboring Pueblos

- Commission was concerned that there was no agreement in place and requested that Santa Ana work to develop an MOA with NMDGF for the transfer

- Commission expressed concerns related to public perception on transferring New Mexico pronghorn to Santa Ana

Update

- Santa Ana has worked with NMDGF staff to develop a draft MOA for the transfer of pronghorn from the State of New Mexico to Santa Ana.

- Santa Ana has consulted with and received support from the New Mexico Wildlife Federation, an advocacy group representing New Mexico sportsman and sportswomen, for the transfer.

Santa Ana respectfully requests the following motion:

- "I move that the Commission through the Chairman of the Commission and NMDGF enter into an MOA with Santa Ana for the transfer of 40 pronghorn antelope from the State of New Mexico to Santa Ana. I furthermore move to approve NMDGF to assist with planning and capture of 40 pronghorn antelope for transfer to Santa Ana at a future pronghorn capture event, at the discretion of NMDGF."