



Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program Application



The Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program (PCRP) is designed to incentivize and recognize landowners who create and maintain significant habitat enhancements for pronghorn or provide other benefits to pronghorn on their private property. Approved and qualified projects may earn landowners alternative season dates.

All applications are evaluated by the state pronghorn biologist and regional wildlife biologist. Properties will be evaluated based on the scope of the habitat project/s, added benefit to pronghorn, significance of improvement for the landscape and other special considerations.

- Scope:** Significant acres improved; multiple projects; impact of projects; longevity provided by project
- Added Benefit:** Increased/improved/created habitat components
- Significance:** Created water, travel corridors, or forage where there was none before
- Special considerations:** Fence modification/removal; Agriculture crop production

To participate landowners must have submitted an approved application and be working under an approved conservation management plan. For further information, please refer to 19.31.15.10 (B) NMAC Pronghorn Antelope Rule on the Department website (hunting page) at [www.wildlife.state.nm.us](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us). Please contact the Pronghorn Biologist at (505) 476-8042 if you have questions while completing the application.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 1, 2023**

Please submit as early as possible to avoid delays in processing. Incomplete application packets will be rejected.

- NEW** – If the property was not previously enrolled in the APLUS program, check this box. See page 2 for a list of all required documentation to be submitted with this application.
  - PREVIOUS APLUS RANCH** – If this application is for a ranch previously enrolled in APLUS the Department may already have the required documentation on file. Contact the Pronghorn Biologist at (505) 476-8042 to see if additional information is required.
- Game Management Unit (GMU): \_\_\_\_\_ Ranch #: \_\_\_\_\_ (Leave blank if new ranch)

**\*AUTHORIZED RANCH CONTACT INFORMATION:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (First, M.I., Last)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate telephone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\*The Authorized Ranch Contact is the verified landowner or the individual assigned by the landowner to represent the ranch (See page 3).

**FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY** Postmarked date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete application     Complete documents on file     Late or incomplete application     Returned to Landowner

Game Management Unit (GMU): \_\_\_\_\_ PCRPs Ranch No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualified     Does not Qualify     Notice Mailed     Updated Documents Request (PCRP rev. 1/3/23)

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

In addition to this application the following documentation is required to be currently on file with the Department. Missing or incomplete information must be submitted prior to inclusion in the PCRCP. If you are unsure about your file status, please call the Pronghorn Biologist at 505-476-8042.

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1. **Current Recorded Deed(s) detailing legal descriptions and acreages for the property.**
  2. **Most recent property tax records from the county that account for all property included in the application.**
  3. **If the property is owned by a trust or business entity, provide a document that clearly identifies who has been delegated the authority to represent the trust or business entity and bind it to a contractual obligation.** Examples include: 1) Certificate of Formation, 2) Certificate of Incorporation, 3) Partnership Agreement, 4) Trust Agreement, etc.
  4. **A property location and boundary map**
    - The ranch location map should provide a general reference for where the property is located in relationship to nearby towns, landmarks, roads, etc. It should also indicate the section, township, and range if it is not provided in the boundary map.
    - The boundary map needs to show the official property boundaries, such as a parcel map from the county or a survey plat.
    - Public leased lands are not eligible for enrollment in PCRCP, please do not add them to the acreage or include them in the boundary map.
  5. **Assignment of Authorized Ranch Contact form(s) – *must be notarized*.** All persons listed on the recorded deed(s) (other than a spouse) must agree to participate in PCRCP and appoint a single Authorized Ranch Contact to act as the representative for the property by submitting a notarized Assignment of Authorized Ranch Contact form (pg.3) from each owner represented on the deed. Please use a separate form for each name listed on the deed. Make copies of the form as needed. *If the property is owned by a trust or business entity the person(s) who have been delegated the authority to represent the trust or business entity, and bind it to a contractual obligation, will serve as the landowner.*
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MAIL **OR EMAIL** APPLICATION PACKET TO:

**Pronghorn Biologist**  
**NM Dept. of Game and Fish –**  
**WMD One Wildlife Way**  
**Santa Fe, NM 87507**  
**anthony.opatz@dgf.nm.gov**

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### APPLICATION AGREEMENT:

- I have read this Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program form and understand that participation is voluntary;
- I accept that this application is contingent upon my participation in PCRCP and is subject to the terms and conditions of my signed PCRCP agreement;
- I am the legal owner or have been assigned by the legal owner(s) as Authorized Ranch Contact to handle this sign up;
- I attest that the ranch information provided with this application is true and correct;
- I understand that habitat work initiated or completed does not guarantee application approval;
- I understand that application approval does not guarantee alternative season dates;
- I understand that I will have to submit a conservation management plan and provide annual updates;
- I agree that application approval and any alternative season dates are at the sole discretion of the Department;
- I agree to the additional agreements on page 4 of this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# New Mexico Department of Game and Fish PCRP Assignment of Authorized Ranch Contact Form



**IMPORTANT:** All PCRP ranches are required to name one individual as the **Authorized Ranch Contact (ARC)**. The ARC is the person designated in writing by the landowner(s) to act as the liaison between the ranch and the NM Department of Game and Fish (Department). He or she is responsible for acting in the landowner(s) best interest and has the authority to sign PCRP agreements and negotiate hunt dates. He or she is also responsible for working with the Department, developing a management plan and renewing agreements. The Authorized Ranch Contact may be one of the landowners or someone else designated by the landowners.

All persons (landowners) listed on the recorded deed(s) must complete this form and designate the same individual as the Authorized Ranch Contact. *Only one person may act as the Authorized Ranch Contact for the ranch.* A separate form must be completed by each person listed on the recorded deed(s). Please make copies of this form as needed. Please note that the form must be signed must be notarized.

Please type or print

List all GMU-Ranch Numbers that this assignment of ARC affects: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**

Check this box if this ARC form is for a new PCRP sign-up

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print full name of landowner) have read the PCRP application agreement and understand my responsibilities and obligations for participation. *A copy of the final PCRP Agreement will be made available upon request by calling the state pronghorn biologist at 505-476-8042.*

I attest that I understand the definition for 'Authorized Ranch Contact', as defined above, and agree that the individual I am designating as the Authorized Ranch Contact, below, may act on behalf of the ranch for the PCRP until I rescind their authority in writing.

**Landowner Contact Information (all fields are required)**

1. Name (first, m, last):		
2a. Mailing Address:		
2b. City:	2c. State:	2d. Zip:
3a. Phone:	3b. Alternate Phone:	
4. Email:		

**Please select the one ownership option below that best describes your relationship with the ranch.**

Check the box below that best describes who will be the ARC of your property **if you are the sole owner**:

- 5a  I am the **sole owner** on the deed(s) for this property and I will be the acting ARC.
- 5b  I am **sole owner** on the deed(s) for this property. I am assigning the individual below as the ARC.

Check the box below that best describes who will be the ARC of your property **if you are one of the co-owners**:

- 6a  I am a **co-owner** on the deed(s) for this property and I will be the acting ARC.
- 6b  I am a **co-owner** on the deed(s) for this property. I am assigning the individual below as the ARC.

Check the box below that best describes who will be the ARC of your property **if it is in a trust or business entity which you represent**:

- 7a  I am the documented representative for the **trust or business entity** that owns this property and I will be the acting ARC.
- 7b  I am the documented representative for the **trust or business entity** that owns this property. I am assigning the individual below as the ARC.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Landowner Initials) I hereby designate the following individual as the ARC for the ranch:

**Authorized Ranch Contact Information (all fields are required)**

8. Name (first, m, last):		
9a. Mailing Address:		
9b. City:	9c. State:	9d. Zip:
10a. Phone:	10b. Alternate Phone:	
11. Email:		

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF LANDOWNER

COUNTY OF _____, STATE OF _____
Subscribed and sworn to before me in my presence, this _____ day of _____, 20____.
_____ Signature of Notary
My Commission Expires: _____

# Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program Application and Agreement

April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024

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This PCRCP Agreement is made and entered into by and between the NM Department of Game and Fish, hereinafter referred to as the "Department", and the party listed on page 1, hereinafter referred to as the "Authorized Ranch Contact". This Agreement shall be effective for the April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024 application period when signed and dated by the Authorized Ranch Contact on page 2.

The Parties Agree to the Following:

1. The execution of this agreement is contingent on the property qualifying for PCRCP by meeting the minimum participation requirements as listed under 19.31.15 NMAC and that allocation(s) will be determined by the department, as applicable.
2. Pursuant to 19.31.15 NMAC, a landowner and/or Authorized Ranch Contact along with the ranch shall be inactivated for providing or permitting misrepresentation of the ranch's participating deeded acreage, ranch ownership or designated ARC, or violating Chapter 17 NMSA 1978 or State Game Commission rules involving licenses converted with the ranches authorizations, or being an accessory to the same, regardless of whether the violation occurred on or off the ranch, resulting in a violation(s) that accumulates 20 or more revocation points pursuant to 19.31.2 NMAC on any single individual. In addition, a landowner or ARC, along with ranch may be inactivated for breaching or violating any other condition of the PCRCP agreement. Inactivation from PCRCP and possible suspension from other Department sponsored programs maybe for a period of up to 3 years. Should a landowner or ARC have multiple properties in PCRCP, all properties maybe inactivated from PCRCP and disqualified from participation in department sponsored programs. If a ranch is signed up in a co-op, inactivation action(s) may be taken against the co-op in its entirety or individual properties participating that form the co-op. Pursuant to 19.31.2 NMAC as amended, a landowner's or Authorized Ranch Contact's privilege to participate in department sponsored programs maybe separately revoked or suspended due to the accumulation of administrative or criminal revocation points, as maybe currently sufficient by rule, within any consecutive three year period.
3. A ranch in which the landowner or Authorized Ranch Contact's ownership or any individual's legal authority to act on behalf of the landowner is unclear, suspect, or legitimately disputed by another person, shall be placed in review (subsequent agreements and authorization statements shall be suspended) until such time as rightful ownership or lawful representation is verified. Failure to provide documents proving ownership or legal representation within one year will result in the ranch being inactivated.
4. The authorizations converted to licenses through the PCRCP are valid only on the deeded property for which the authorization was issued with written permission from the landowner or person in control of the land.
5. Landowner pronghorn authorizations are used to purchase pronghorn hunting licenses however, a pronghorn hunting license will only be issued to individuals who fulfill all eligibility requirements and pay to the Department the appropriate license and stamp fees as listed in the current New Mexico Big Game Rules & Information Booklet.
6. Authorizations MUST be converted to licenses to be valid for hunting pronghorn. An authorization statement or number does not constitute a legal license for hunting pronghorn.
7. The Authorized Ranch Contact certifies that he/she will not discriminate against those with whom he/she negotiates use of the private-land authorizations on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or sexual orientation.
8. Access to the property by Department personnel is necessary to collect biological data, conduct aerial and ground surveys, and enforce laws and regulations. Therefore, the Authorized Ranch Contact agrees to provide access (including vehicular access) by providing keys and/or combinations, if necessary, to locked gates for Department personnel to conduct official Department business for the above- mentioned purposes. For more information, Authorized Ranch Contact's should call their District Officer.
9. For properties enrolling in PCRCP, agreements must be post-marked, or received by the Santa Fe office by April 1, 2023. Agreements postmarked or received after this deadline will result in the Agreement being rejected and no authorizations being issued for the season. The Department is not responsible for postal service delivery delays or lost mail. Please allow sufficient time for mail service.
10. Upon the second consecutive year of non-receipt of the annual agreement by the April 1 deadline, the ranch will be inactivated from PCRCP and a new application will be required.
11. If interventions to eliminate the presence of pronghorn are requested on this ranch, the ranch shall be placed in review and the acreage where the intervention actions are to occur will be inactivated. If the intervention actions only apply to a portion of the ranch and the remaining acreage continues to provide meaningful benefit to pronghorn the ranch may continue to participate with reduced acreage. If a landowner or ARC takes action pursuant to 17-2-7.2 NMSA 1978 on this ranch, the ranch shall immediately be inactivated from PCRCP for a period of three years and all unconverted authorizations maybe voided.
12. Proof of continued ownership/legal representation maybe requested on a periodic basis as required by the Department. Failure to respond to the request by the required deadline will result in the Ranch being placed in review until the required documents have been provided and if after one year I have failed to comply with a required update, I understand the Ranch will be automatically inactivated.
13. It is the responsibility of the Authorized Ranch Contact to clearly communicate with any person to whom a private-land pronghorn authorization is transferred or any member of an established co-op regarding said authorizations. These communications are considered a private matter. The Department is not a party to these communications, will not act as a go-between, and is not responsible for resolving disputes.
14. Criminal trespass does not apply if a person is in possession of a landowner license transferred to them by the owner or person in control of the land (30-14-1-A (2) NMSA 1978).



**PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED**

TYPE AND DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	DEPT USE ONLY
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Water</b> Type of project/s: _____ Number of projects: _____ Distance from existing water: _____ Details: _____ _____ Date of project/s: _____	Qualified: Y N New/Existing: N E
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fence Modification</b> Type of modifications: _____ _____ Number of modifications: _____ Distance of modifications: _____ _____ Date of modifications: _____	Qualified: Y N New/Existing: N E
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Thinning / Removal of undesirable vegetation</b> Type of project (brush-hogging, chemical, burning, etc.): _____ _____ Type of vegetation thinned: _____ _____ Acres affected: _____ Date of thinning: _____	Qualified: Y N New/Existing: N E
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agricultural Crop Production</b> Describe type of crop/s: _____ _____ Irrigated?: _____ Years in production: _____ Acres in production: _____ Frequency of harvest: _____	Qualified: Y N New/Existing: N E

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TYPE AND DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	DEPT USE ONLY
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Riparian Development/Protection (permanent/year round streams only)</b> Describe project: _____ _____ _____ Area affected: _____ _____ Date of project: _____	Qualified: Y N New/Existing: N E
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Rangeland Improvement/Grazing Management</b> Describe improvements and/or management plan: _____ _____ _____ _____ Acres affected: _____	Qualified: Y N New/Existing: N E
<b>Additional Information to be Considered (attach sheets if necessary)</b> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Photographs Included</b> (Please provide photographs for projects if available. Include <u>before</u> and <u>after</u> photographs if possible.)	Photos Y N
DEPT USE ONLY NOTES:	