



# Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program



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 result in alternative season dates.

All applications are evaluated by New Mexico Department of Wildlife biologists. 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.

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 (A) NMAC Pronghorn Antelope Rule on the Department website (hunting page) at [www.wildlife.dgf.nm.gov](http://www.wildlife.dgf.nm.gov). Please contact Nicole Tatman at (505) 469-3966 if you have questions while completing the application.

**Application Deadline: April 1, 2026**

**Incomplete applications or applications received after the deadline will be rejected.**

**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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Customer Identification Number (CIN)

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

## 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 PCR. If you are unsure about your file status, please call the Pronghorn Biologist at 505-695-5747.

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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 PCR, 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) (including a spouse) must agree to participate in PCR 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.*
  6. **A conservation management plan – Management plans should include all pronghorn related conservation work completed during the past 3 years and work planned on your ranch for the next 3 years. Maps, timelines, and descriptions of work to be completed are mandatory. The plan should include pronghorn population estimates/goals and harvest plans.**
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### MAIL OR EMAIL APPLICATION PACKET TO:

Pronghorn Program  
NM Dept. of Game and Fish – WMD  
1 Wildlife Way Santa Fe, NM 87507

pronghorn-privatelands@dgf.nm.gov

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# 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.

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.*

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.

**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: _____
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# Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program Application and Agreement

April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

This PCRP 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, 2026 – March 31, 2027 application period when signed and dated by the Authorized Ranch Contact on page 5.

The Parties Agree to the Following:

1. The execution of this agreement is contingent on the property qualifying for PCRP and that allocation(s) will be determined at the discretion of the Department.
2. Pursuant to 19.31.2 NMAC, Any person may be assessed administrative revocation points for the landowner's or authorized ranch contact's misrepresentation or violation of the conditions of a contract, application, or agreement with the department; furthermore, Any person, corporation or management authority found not complying with a department sponsored private lands agreement shall have all of their private lands program privileges revoked for up to three years for a first offense, no less than five years for a second offense and no less than 10 years for a third or subsequent offense. If any authorization/license issued through the Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program results in violation(s) accumulating 20 or more revocation points within any consecutive three-year period, regardless of whether such violation occurred on or off the enrolled ranch property, may be inactivated from the Pronghorn Conservation Recognition Program and have all of their private lands program privileges revoked including any remaining unused authorizations/licenses. An inactivation/revocation shall attach to the property associated with the violations, and no change of ownership, change of authorized ranch contact, nor any other change in management shall reinstate a property that was associated with this type of inactivation/revocation. The property shall remain inactive, and the department shall not issue any private land authorizations for any species to any property or any portion of any property involved in a private land program revocation for the duration of the revocation time period, even if the property is sold, changes management, is subdivided, or otherwise altered. If a ranch is enrolled in a co-op, the inactivation/revocation may be taken against the co-op in its entirety, and/or the authorized ranch contact representing the co-op.
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 removed from PCRP until such time as rightful ownership or lawful representation is verified.
4. Private-land authorizations converted to licenses through the PCRP are valid only on the deeded property for which the authorization was issued with written permission from the landowner or authorized ranch contact. PCRP authorizations are not transferrable to other ranches.
5. Landowner pronghorn authorizations are used to purchase pronghorn hunting licenses however, a pronghorn hunting license will be issued only 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 Hunting 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 based on 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 PCRP, agreements must be received at the Santa Fe office by April 1, 2026. Agreements 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.
10. Ranches enrolled in PCRP will not be eligible for private land over the counter tags. Ranches using OTC private land pronghorn tags will be removed from the program and have all remaining authorizations voided.
11. If a landowner or ARC takes action pursuant to 17-2-7.2 NMSA 1978 (landowner taking) on this ranch, the ranch shall immediately be removed from PCRP for a period of three years and all unconverted authorizations shall be voided.

12. Proof of continued ownership/legal representation may be 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 denied from the PCRCP until the required documents have been provided.

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. 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. I am the legal owner or have been assigned by the legal owner(s) as Authorized Ranch Contact to handle this sign up.

15. I attest that the ranch information provided with this application is true and correct.

16. I understand that habitat work initiated or completed does not guarantee application approval.

17. I understand that I will have to submit a conservation management plan and provide annual updates.

18. I agree that application approval, number of authorizations, and any alternative season dates are at the sole discretion of the Department

19. I agree that I will accept pronghorn on the participating property.

**NOTE:** *The sale of landowner authorizations may result in a Gross Receipts Tax liability. Contact a qualified tax professional if you have questions.*

**ARC Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Pronghorn Herds on your Ranch

- Ranches enrolled in PCRCP must have pronghorn on their ranch.
- The information below helps the department verify annual aerial survey data collected to estimate pronghorn populations across the state. Please be open and honest when answering the details below.
- This information also helps department biologists to provide accurate management recommendations regarding buck harvest on your ranch.

Estimated number of pronghorn on your ranch:	Pronghorn numbers on your ranch are:	Sightings of fawns last May-June were:	Quality of bucks is:
	Increasing	Increased from previous year.	Increasing
	Steady	About the same as previous year.	Steady
	Decreasing	Down from previous year.	Decreasing
How many bucks do you intend to harvest per year?	Would you like to see pronghorn herds on your ranch?		
	Increase		
	Remain steady		
	Decrease		
Explain why alternative season dates are important to you and your pronghorn hunting goals.			

# WATER PROJECTS

## General information and eligibility

- Water projects must be accessible to pronghorn.
- Water projects that include exclusionary fencing will not qualify for consideration in this program.
- Photos, maps, and GPS coordinates must be supplied for water projects. The department will not evaluate projects that are insufficiently documented.
- Projects involving restoration or maintenance of water sources will be considered.
- Seasonal duration of available water will affect consideration. Projects that provide year-round water will constitute a higher consideration.

Project 1: Is this project a new water source or maintenance of an existing source?	Type of water improvement?	Was the system supplying water prior to the repair or upgrade?	If the project is a guzzler, fill in the information below
This is a new project	Well	Yes	Apron size:
This project is updating or maintaining an existing water source	Dirt tank	No	
	Playa restoration	*Skip if new	Storage gallons:
	Catchment/Guzzler		
If the project is a well, how is water regulated?	What year was this project completed?	Nearest distance to other water sources?	How many months of the year is water present in this source?
Turned on/off manually		Less than 1/2 mile	1-3 months
Turned on/off automatically with a float, timer, etc.		1/2 mile to 1 mile	4-6 months
		Over 1 mile	7-9 months
			10-12 months
Does this water source have exclusionary fencing?	Photos, maps, and GPS coordinates attached?	Additional details: (describe water source and general specifications for this water system)	
Yes	Yes		
No	*No		
	*Photos, maps, and GPS coordinates are required for water projects		

Project 2: Is this project a new water source or maintenance of an existing source?	Type of water improvement?	Was the system supplying water prior to the repair or upgrade?	If the project is a guzzler, fill in the information below
This is a new project	Well	Yes	Apron size:
This project is updating or maintaining an existing water source	Dirt tank	No	
	Playa restoration	*Skip if new	Storage gallons:
	Catchment/Guzzler		
If the project is a well, how is water regulated?	What year was this project completed?	Nearest distance to other water sources?	How many months of the year is water present in this source?
Turned on/off manually		Less than 1/2 mile	1-3 months
Turned on/off automatically with a float, timer, etc.		1/2 mile to 1 mile	4-6 months
		Over 1 mile	7-11 months
			Year round
Does this water source have exclusionary fencing?	Photos, maps, and GPS coordinates attached?	Additional details: (describe water source and general specifications for this water system)	
Yes	Yes		
No	*No		
	*Photos, maps, and GPS coordinates are required for water projects		

# FENCE MODIFICATION PROJECTS

## General information and eligibility

- Construction of pronghorn friendly fencing and removal of other fencing will be considered based on cumulative length of fencing modified and the impacts of the fence.
- Routine maintenance such as tightening wire, replacing posts, clearing debris, vegetation, or soil/sand are all eligible for consideration in this category.
- To be considered pronghorn friendly fencing, the bottom wire must be at least 18” from the ground (smooth wire on bottom is preferred).
- Ranches that have net/woven wire fencing on their ranch and do not have a management plan to remove it will not be considered for the pronghorn conservation recognition program.
- Ranches replacing net/woven wire fencing with pronghorn friendly fencing will constitute a high consideration.

### **New or modified pronghorn friendly fencing**

Type of project	Location of fence	Describe fence type (i.e. number of strands, barbed vs smooth, net/woven wire etc.)
New fence installation	Interior	
Modifying existing fence	Exterior	
Maintaining existing fence		
Is the bottom wire >18" from the ground?	Length of new or modified wildlife friendly fencing?	Photos and maps attached?
Yes		Yes
No		*No
		*Photos and maps are required. Must include a photograph of measurement to bottom wire from ground.
Additional Details:		

### **Removal of Fencing**

What type of fencing did you remove?	Purpose of removing fencing	Location of fencing?
Pronghorn unfriendly	Replacing with pronghorn friendly	Interior
Net/woven wire	No longer using/old	Exterior
Length of fencing removed	Photos and maps attached	
	Yes	
	*No	
	*Photos and maps are required	
Additional Details:		

# VEGETATIVE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

## General information and eligibility

- Woody/brush plant control, herbaceous invasive plant control, forb abundance promotion, and improved pasture management will be considered based on cumulative acreage improved.
- Projects must improve vegetation for pronghorn habitat.
- Projects considered here will promote healthy, native, ecological processes.

<b>Project 1.</b> What type of work did you perform?	What species of plants were treated?	How many acres were treated?
Woody plant management		
Forb promotion		
Invasive plant control		
Type of treatment used	Did you over-seed disturbed areas?	Photos and maps attached?
Mechanical	Yes. What species/type?	Yes
Chemical		*No
Prescribed fire	No	*Photos and maps are required
Additional Details:		

<b>Project 2.</b> What type of work did you perform?	What species of plants were treated?	How many acres were treated?
Woody plant management		
Forb promotion		
Invasive plant control		
Type of treatment used	Did you over-seed disturbed areas?	Photos and maps attached?
Mechanical	Yes. What species/type?	Yes
Chemical		*No
Prescribed fire	No	*Photos and maps are required
Additional Details:		

# STOCK MANAGEMENT PROJECTS

## General information and eligibility

- Short term grazing deferrals that rest pastures for less than 12 consecutive months are ineligible for scoring. A grazing deferral must be the total removal of cattle from deeded acres for a period of 12+ months.
- Increasing years of cattle deferral will result in increased consideration of projects.
- Continuance of water availability in pastures that have had cattle deferred 12+ months will result in increased consideration.
- Significant reductions in herd size or stocking rates will be considered in this category.

Are you maintaining or starting a long-term and/or permanent grazing deferral?	When was the last time your pastures were grazed?	Acres deferred from grazing?
Yes		2021:
No		2022:
		2023:
Are you reducing your herd numbers or stocking rates?	What are the herd numbers on your ranch?	Is water left on in deferred pastures?
Yes	2021:	Yes
No	2022:	No
	2023:	
Additional details:		

# AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

## General information and eligibility

- Agricultural fields must be available for use by pronghorn.
- Agricultural fields that exclude pronghorn due to depredation or pronghorn unfriendly fencing will be considered ineligible.
- Fields must be maintained, irrigated, and harvested.

Is the crop mechanically harvested?	Total acres in production?	Primary use of crop?
Yes		Commercial sale
No		Personal use
Primary crop in production?	How is the crop irrigated?	
Alfalfa	Sub-irrigation	
Winter Wheat	Flood irrigation	
Improved grasses	Center pivot	

# ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

## General information and eligibility

- There are additional projects that benefit pronghorn populations outside of the ones listed above.
- Consideration will be given to landowners who have a predator management plan for removing coyotes. Coyote removal plans must be carried out by professionals. Annual timing of removal (April-June), receipts, and counts of animals removed are required. Opportunistically removing coyotes throughout the year will not be considered as a project.
- Enrollment in conservation programs through local, state, federal, and non-government organizations that benefit pronghorn will be considered. Examples include EQUIP, CRP, local soil and water district programs, and conservation easements.

Is your ranch currently enrolled in any local, state, federal, or other conservation programs?	Do you have a predator management plan?	Does your ranch restrict access to landlocked public land?
Yes. Please describe:	Yes. Receipts, timing, and harvest reports are required.	Yes - see follow up question
No	No	No
If your ranch does restrict access to public lands, would you consider allowing public hunter driving access, on established roads, through your ranch to access public lands?		
Yes		
No		
Maybe		