



**PRONGHORN RANCH-WIDE
APPLICATION 2026-2027 License Year**



The objective of the Ranch-wide program is to allow private landowners to enroll their private deeded and public leased acreage as one ranch and obtain pronghorn authorizations that will be valid on the entire ranch (both private deeded and public leased acreage).

Participation in the Ranch-wide program is voluntary. To be considered for participation, eligible properties must enroll the entire ranch (i.e., all private deeded and all public leased acreage), and the property must contain pronghorn habitat and exhibit physical evidence that pronghorn are present as determined by appropriate Department staff. In addition, landowners or lessees of eligible properties shall agree to accept pronghorn on their property.

The number of private land pronghorn hunting licenses assigned to properties qualifying for the Ranch-wide program shall be negotiated between the landowner and the Department on an annual basis. Ranch-wide agreements are valid for the license year (April 1 – March 31).

Ranches participating in the Ranch-wide program are eligible for one free pronghorn license per 17-3-14 NMSA 1978.

For further information, please refer to 19.31.15.10 (B) NMAC Pronghorn Antelope Rule on the Department website at www.wildlife.dgf.nm.gov. Please contact the Nicole Tatman (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)

See page 2 for a list of all required documentation to be submitted with this application.

Authorized Ranch Contact (SEE PAGE 3) _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Mailing Address _____

Main Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Alternate Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone number preferred for landowner list _____

Ranch Name: _____

Private Deeded Acreage: _____ (Should be the same as submitted deeds and/or property tax statements.)

Private Leased Acreage: _____ (Private Leased Acreage is Optional: Must provide private lease agreement.)

Public Leased Acreage: _____ (All public leased lands associated with the property must be enrolled.)

Total Acreage: _____

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.

1. **Current Recorded Deed(s)** detailing legal descriptions and acreages for the property.
 2. **Most recent property tax records** from the county accounting 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.
 5. **Assignment of Authorized Ranch Contact (ARC) form(s) – *must be notarized*.** All persons listed on the recorded deed(s) must agree to participate in the Ranch-wide program and appoint a single ARC to act as the representative for the property by submitting a notarized Assignment of ARC form (pg.3) from each owner listed on the deed(s). Please use a separate form for each person listed on the deed(s). 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. **Private and/or public (state and/or federal) lease agreements.** Submit a copy of each private and public grazing lease being enrolled. An ARC form may also be required for private leases to address hunting rights.
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MAIL OR EMAIL APPLICATION PACKET TO:

Pronghorn Program
NM Dept. of Game and Fish – WMD
One Wildlife Way
Santa Fe NM 87507
pronghorn-privatelands@dgf.nm.gov

This 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 4.

APPLICATION AGREEMENT:

The Parties Agree to the Following:

1. The execution of this agreement is contingent on the property qualifying for the ranch-wide program and that the number of authorizations issued 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 the Ranch-wide program until such time as rightful ownership or lawful representation is verified.
4. 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.
5. Private-land 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.
6. The Authorized Ranch Contact certifies that he/she will not discriminate against those with whom he/she negotiates use of the Ranch-wide authorizations based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or sexual orientation.
7. 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.
8. For properties enrolling in the Ranch-wide program, 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.
9. 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 the Ranch-wide program for a period of three years and all unconverted authorizations shall be voided.
10. 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 denied from the Ranch-wide program until the required documents have been provided.
11. It is the responsibility of the Authorized Ranch Contact to clearly communicate with any person to whom a Ranch-wide 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.
12. I have read this Pronghorn Ranch-wide Agreement form and understand that participation is voluntary.
13. I am the legal owner or have been assigned by the legal owner(s) as Authorized Ranch Contact to handle this sign up.

14. I attest that the ranch information provided with this application is true and correct.
15. I understand that all issued pronghorn authorizations will be valid only within the boundaries of my enrolled ranch (both private deeded and public leased acreage) during public hunt dates and are not transferable to other private property;
16. I understand that private-land-only over-the-counter pronghorn licenses are not valid on any part of the enrolled ranch and ranches using OTC private land pronghorn tags will be removed from the program and have all remaining authorizations voided;
17. I understand that my enrolled ranch (both private deeded and public leased acreage) will be available to public draw hunters during established public hunt dates for the Game Management Unit;
18. I understand that Ranch-wide agreements are negotiated on an annual basis and pronghorn hunting allocations may change from year to year.
19. All Ranch-wide agreements become public knowledge. Name, address, phone number of the Authorized Ranch Contact, and ranch boundaries of Ranch-wide ranches will be made available to the public.
20. I agree that application approval is at the sole discretion of the Department.
21. 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.*

X _____
Signature of Authorized Ranch Contact *(required)*

Date: _____



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



IMPORTANT: All Ranch-wide 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 Ranch-wide agreements and negotiate authorizations. He or she is also responsible for working with the Department 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 ranch sign-up

I _____ (print full name of landowner) have read the Ranch-wide application agreement and understand my responsibilities and obligations for participation. *A copy of the final Ranch-wide 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 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: _____