# AZ Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation GRANT COMPLETION REPORT

Project Title: Blair Ranch Woven Fence Replacement Project

Organization: Mule Deer Foundation

# Event/Project Completion Date: 12/27/19

**Project Location** (Include info such as event center, hunting unit, etc.): Blair Ranch, southwest corner of GMU 9, west of Highway 64)

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#### **AZSFWC** Recognition:

AZSFWC Logo and Link to AZSFWC on organization's website? (attach screen print image) Yes No License Plate Image w/link to MVD on organization's website? (attach screen print image) Yes No AZSFWC Logo displayed at event? (attach photo(s)) Yes No AZSFWC recognized in all marketing materials & post event articles? (attach all samples) Yes No List any social media recognition of AZSFWC (include all screen print images) Facebook Was there any media or press coverage? (attach copies if available) Yes No Kota List any other recognition?

**Summarize Project Accomplishments:** Blair Ranch has approximately 14 miles of old woven sheep fencing that is a barrier and an entanglement hazard for mule deer migrating from GMU 7 into GMU 9. It also contains some of the best pronghorn antelope habitat in GMU 9, but movement fragmentation is occurring due to the fencing. The Arizona Game and Fish Department Research Branch had GPS collared Pronghorn in the area and data shows some of the fence in the area is a huge factor prohibiting wildlife from moving freely throughout the area. The ranch manager of Blair Ranch was contacted and discussed the opportunity to update the woven sheep fences two miles a year until approximately 14 miles of fence is replaced with wildlife friendly barbed wire fencing. The AZSFWC grant of \$9,000 was used for the purchase of 2 miles of fencing material. The ranch preferred to install the fence on their own, providing \$6,000 of in-kind installation cost. The project material purchased was able to complete 2.25 miles of fencing, 0.25 miles above what was expected. This project will increase movement corridors for mule deer as well as pronghorn distribution in unit 9.

## Measurable Results (Fill in all that are applicable):

Attendees (If project was an event, list total # of participants, excluding staff, visiting parents, etc):\_\_4\_\_\_ Visitors (If the project is an interpretive display, list total # of annual visitors): \_\_0\_\_\_\_ Brochures, Pamphlets, etc. (If the project is a brochure, publication, poster or video, list the total produced and distributed): \_\_0\_\_\_\_ Other (please explain): **Budget** (specifically describe how AZSFWC funds were used; e.g. program promotion, type of equipment, materials and/or supplies, etc.):

Budget Item	Planned	Actual
24 rolls of barbed wire	\$1,752.00	\$1,773.30
10 rolls of smooth wire	\$680.00	\$900.22
588 t-posts	\$3,257.00	\$3,555.00
1,800 wood stays	\$2,250.00	\$1,389.95
20 wood posts	\$360.00	\$800.00
Misc. Wire / Clips / Tax	\$701.00	\$654.00
Total	\$9,000.00	\$9,073.00

**Project Cooperator(s)** (please include any in-kind contributions):

Cooperator (no abbreviations)	Amount Contributors \$ \$6,000.00
Blair Ranch Staff (4 workers @ 8hrs/day for 11 days)	

# Photographs



BEFORE



AFTER