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June 24, 2024

Dear Past Shooters,

What a great start to the summer with a productive and fun time at the Foo Foo Rah! We had good weather, successful meetings, and great fun. Our thanks to Gina and Gary and their teams for setting up a packed schedule of events. Additionally, Lander was the place to be with activities across the city. The only challenge was finding a parking spot near the Cowfish, what a great problem to have. Well done to the great folks of Lander!

Next stop, the 2024 One Shot Hunt Week in September. Gina and our team of Past Shooter Committees are well along in the preps. We are planning on good weather, a good schedule of events, and a good turnout. This year our Past Shooter membership will have 3 opportunities to choose from in testing your skills against local game with the traditional antelope hunt, the fishing competition, and a new add to the schedule of Sage Grouse hunting. There will be plenty to do.

Hats off and thanks to the Hunt Club and Game and Fish (G&F) for working through the antelope herd challenges of the past few years. The Hunt Club briefed at our board meeting that the G&F has reported that the herd numbers are much better this year and the license reduction to the Hunt Club will be smaller. They also announced they have eight very good teams for the One Shot competition. We are optimistic that this year will be a good hunt.

Enjoy your summer and be safe. We plan on seeing you in Lander in September.

Take care,

Dan

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2024 ONE SHOT HUNT TEAMS—AS OF JUNE 26, 2024

Wyoming Team

Host Governor Mark Gordon Brian Nesvik Skip Hornecker

Western Sportsmen aka Sons & Daughter of Past Shooters

Michael Prater Sophia Ross Miles Wagner

Team Maveriks

John Kamps Tom Plooy Jim House

Team Vegas (Temp)

Chris G Holcomb John A Hertig Jose M Moran

George's Team (Temp)

George Nykun Bill Jackson George Nykun III

Tri State Team

Tim Glenner David Mahosky Donna Davis

Third Thursday Warriors

Kati Lynn Sandy Froman Suzanne Edwards

Oklahoma Dream Team

Governor Kevin Stitt via Saxon Alton Mark Winter Chad Dillingham

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AMERICAN PRONGHORN: A Species Profile

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Antilocapra Americana

Class: Mammal

Pronghorn, antelope, speed goat—the many names of a one-of-a-kind species. Pronghorn are native to North America and have no other family in the world. Wyoming is home to the largest number of pronghorn in North America—roughly 500,000.



Pronghorn originally got their name from their pronged horns. They are utilized by the animal to defend themselves and their fawns against predators as well as to spar with other males during the rut.

> Pronghorn horns are made of keratin, the same material of human nails and hair.

Do they grow antlers or horns?

The accessories growing on a pronghorn's head may resemble an antler: branched or pronged, and shed annually, however, pronghorn grow horns. Male and female pronghorn can grow horns, although the horns of males are larger and more pronounced.

Pronghorn grow a new set of horns between November and March. Their horns begin to grow around a bony core called a prong found underneath their present set of horns. The prong is triangular-shaped, and the first sign of growth for the new set of horns starts at the tip. Over a few months, the growth will continue upward. When the new set of horns is fully formed, around early December, the current set of horns will fall off, revealing the new set of horns underneath. Humans have a similar experience. As children, we have baby teeth. As we age, our adult teeth start forming and growing within our gums, below our present baby teeth. Once the adult teeth are formed, they grow upward and require more space, causing our baby teeth to become wiggly and eventually fall out.

(Photos by Patrick Owen/WGFD)

This permanent part of their skull is called a prong—a bony structure attached to the pronghorn's skull upon which new sheath growth begins.

The outer sheath know as the horn is shed annually by pronghorn and is regrown between November and March each year.

Much like human teeth, the regrowth of the new sheath forces the old horn to become loose and fall off.

Diet, reproduction and habitat of Wyoming's pronghorn.

Pronghorn are herbivores and eat only plant matter like grasses, forbs, sagebrush and other plants. To better digest their meals, pronghorn digest their food twice. After first swallowing their food, it passes through their stomach and then pronghorn regurgitate it. Regurgitated food is called cud. You will rarely see a pronghorn drinking water. They are able to get enough water from the plants they eat.

Pronghorn breed in late summer, usually in September. Pregnant females give birth to babies called fawns in late May or early June. Pronghorn usually give birth to twins. Fawns weigh between 5-7 pounds. Although small and weak, pronghorn are not defenseless to predators. Fawns are scentless and quickly gain the ability to run and evade predators shortly after birth. At just 5-days-old, fawns can outrun a human.

Pronghorn prefer to live in flat areas with gentle, rolling hills. This terrain pairs well with their highspeed tactic of escaping predators.



(Photos by Patrick Owen/WGFD)



Scan this QR code to watch a video about more unique pronghorn facts and characteristics.



OSH TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

All program times are tentative. Confirm schedule at registration

Schedule of Events 2024 One Shot Antelope Hunt

Wednesday, September 18th

8:00am-5:00 pm	Past Shooter Registration (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Discovery Center 545 Main Street)
1:00pm-4:00 pm	Past Shooter Sight-In (Lander Valley Sportsmen's Range 8474 Highway 789)
3:30pm—5:00 pm	Water for Wildlife Welcome Reception & Donor Recognition (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Discovery Center 545 Main Street)
3:30pm-5:00 pm	Past President Council Meeting (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Center 545 Main Street)
5:30 pm	No-Host Cocktail Party (Museum of the American West/1445 W. Main Street)
6:30 pm	Official Drawing for Guides for One Shot Hunt Teams (Museum of the American West/1445 Main Street)
Thursday, September 19th	
8:00am-5:00 pm	Past Shooter Registration (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Discovery Center 545 Main Street)
8:00am-9:00 am	Past Shooters Club Annual Meeting (Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Discovery Center 545 Main Street)
8:00am-10:30 am	Past Shooters Sight-In (Lander Valley Sportsmen's Range 8474 Highway 789)
11:00am-4:00 pm	Past Shooters Competitive Shooting Lunch is served to Past Shooters, Guests & Hunt Personnel – Ticket Req. (Lander Valley Sportsmen's Range 8474 Highway 789)
5:00 pm	No-Host Cocktail Party (Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
6:00 pm	Water for Wildlife Banquet hosted by Past Shooters Club (Public with meal ticket purchase) (Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
7:00 pm	Live & Calcutta Auction for Water for Wildlife (Lander Community Center. 950 Buena Vista)

Friday	, Sep	tember	20th

8:00am-5:00 pm	Past Shooter Registration
	(Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Center 545 Main Street)
8:00 am -9:00 a.m.	Water for Wildlife Foundation/Water for Wildlife Board Meetings
	(Evans Dahl Museum/Water for Wildlife Discovery Center 545 Main Street)
9:30 am	Past Shooter License Issuance (Must be present)
	(Community Center/950 Buena Vista)
11:00 am	One Shot Team Members License Issuance & Luncheon
	Team Members, Guides & Officials Only
	(Lander Community Center. 950 Buena Vista)
11:30 am	Past Shooters & Guests Luncheon Bar-B-Que
	Life Memberships
	(Lander Community Center/950 Buena Vista)
11:30 am—1:30 pm	Spouse/Guest Event—BINGO & Grazing Table
11.00 um 1.00 pm	(Mamaw's Kitchen–260 Grandview)
1:30pm-3:30pm	One Shot Team Members ONLY Sight-In
	(Sinks Canyon Below Warming Hut)
1:30pm-4:30pm	Past Shooters Sight-In
	(Lander Valley Sportsmen's Range 8474 Highway 789)
3:00pm—4:00pm	Past Shooters Silver Cup Match
	(Sinks Canyon Below Warming Hut)
5:30 pm	No Host Cocktails
	(Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
6:30 pm	Western BBQ
	Team Members, Past Shooters, Game & Fish
	Commission Members & Hunt Personnel
	(Public Welcome with Meal Ticket Purchase)
	(Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
7:30 pm	Team Member Introduction Presentation of Official Scarf and Knife
	(Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
8:00 pm	** Legend of the Hunt and Blood Brothers /Sisters Ceremony

OSH TENTATIVE SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Saturday, September 21st

4:00 am	"Reveille" Team Members
4:15 am	Team Members Breakfast (Team Members, Guides & Officials Only) (Monarch Room @ Pronghorn Lodge)
4:00am-7:00am	Past Shooters Breakfast (The Oxbow 170 Main Street)
5:00am	Depart for Hunting Area
6:00am	Depart for the Bighorn River Fishing Adventure (Departure location TBA)
6:30am	Official Start Time of Hunt (See Field Rules)
10:00am-2:00pm	Don Nolde Memorial Sporting Clay Shoot Past Shooters, Guests & Officials Only (Lander Valley Sportsmen's Range 8474 Highway 789)
10:30am-1:30pm	Chuck Wagon Lunch—Team Members, Past Shooters & Officials (Not Open to the Public) (Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
10:30 am-12:30pm	Spouse/Guest Event—Brunch and Candle Making (Meadowlark Market—228 Main Street)
4:30 pm	No Host Cocktail Party (Lander Community Center 950 Buena Vista)
5:30 pm	VICTORY BANQUET (Lander Community Center. 950 Buena Vista) (Attire: Western Wear)
	Presentation of Certificates & Awards The Legend of the Hunt is Concluded

Past Shooters: Scoring & measurement of heads for the Past Shooters will be done in the parking lot of the Water for Wildlife Discovery Center between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Commemorative Hunt score sheets must be turned in to the office @ 545 Main St in Lander by 4:00 for the score to be officially recorded.

Commemorative Hunt News FROM THE PAST SHOOTER EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE

We are once again rapidly approaching the pinnacle of the year, the One Shot Antelope Hunt. As Past Shooters we get the best of both worlds. A time to sit with our brothers and sisters from around the world and share drinks and tall tales of hunts gone by, all while avoiding the almost overwhelming pressure of being one of the Competitive teams.

But in all of us lies that competitive spirit. We may no longer be competing to be the masters of the Hunt, but we all want to test our mettle against our fellow Past Shooters, against the wiley antelope, and against ourselves. The Past Shooters commemorative hunt, the Silver Cup, and the shooting events on the Range are all designed to bring out the best in each competitor.

This year we are bringing back the Largest Head competition along with the free Shoulder Mount for the

winning shooter. We will also be honoring the Best Hunt Individual and Best Hunt Team. Rules are the same as in past years (see right side), and will be strictly adhered to! 4:00 PM will be a hard deadline for having submitted completed and signed scorecards. As a reminder, to be a part of the commemorative hunt, past shooters need to be registered.

As always, the prestigious Silver Cup will be back up for grabs with the shooting competition being held in Sinks Canyon, and the fabulous Range Day featuring sporting clays, cowboy action and the famous silhouette shoot will give every past shooter a chance to add some patches to their jackets and some stories to the campfire.

Our Club and the future of the organization is dependent on the participation and the passion of every Past Shooter, and we look forward to seeing you in September to continue the finest of traditions. Finally, the WFW Priority Position Auction will take place August 7-9, 2024 for the first five licenses. Check oneshotpastshooters.com for more information.



One Shot Past Shooters Wyoming Commemorative Largest Head & Best Hunt Individual

There are three Hunting Trophies available for Past Shooters. 1. Largest Head 2. Best Hunt Individual

- 3. Best Hunt Team
- RULES 1 All Past Shooters are eligible for all trophies. Largest Head and Best Hunt Individual are individual awards, whereas the Best Hunt Team is awarded to a team of all Past Shooters and their guests. The Team Name is determined by all Past Shooters who shot on any team during the same year. For example, everyone who shot in 1981 would be on the 1981 Best Hunt Team for this year's hunt. A Team must have at least two members.
- 2 Guests may compete ONLY for the Best Hunt Team Championship and as a member of their host's Team.

ANTELOPE HUNT

 Points are earned for Shooting Skill, Hunting Skill and Horn Quality. The Horn Quality must be measured by the appointed certified scorer in the parking lot of the Water for Wildlife Center. Shooting Skill and Hunting Skill are on the honor system and must be indicated on the score card.

- Largest Head can be with one or more shots. However, to qualify, it must be measured by the certified scorer in the parking lot of the Water for Wildlife Foundation. The certified scorer's measurement will determine the winner.

- 2. Best Hunt Team Score is determined by adding the total scores of all successful Team members for each year and dividing by the number of team members. The Team with the greatest average score wins this trophy.
- Largest Head, Best Hunt Individual and Best Hunt Team all receive trophies but only the winning Past Shooter team members will be recorded on the Peterson Perpetual Museum Trophy.
- Score Sheets must be turned in Saturday before 4:00 p.m. at the Water 5. for Wildlife Foundation (545 Main St. Lander, WY 82520).

ANTELOPE MUST BE FIELD DRESSED IMMEDIATELY AFTER KILL!

SCORE SHEET ON REVERSE SIDE

One Shot Antelope Hunt

Guest Events

SEPTEMBER 20TH

Grazing Table, Cocktails and BINGO

Join us from 11:30-1:30 at Mamaw's, 260 Grandview Dr., for a grazing table and BINGO. We'll have prizes!

SEPTEMBER 21ST

Brunch and Candles

Come to Meadowlark Market and Kitchen from 10:30-12:30, 228 Main Street, for brunch featuring all local foods and flavors. Monica Thoman, owner of Wind & Sage, will be leading us in making and creating our own candles. \$45 per person and RSVP is REQUIRED

RSVP

Please RSVP by September 1st. Email: landeroneshotguestevents@gmail.com Call or Text Shelly: 307-349-5095

PAST SHOOTERS GAZETTE

80th One Shot Antelope Hunt Registration September 18, 19, 20, 21, 2024 Lander, WY

1	Past Shooter Plan 1	(\$850.00)	\$
	Thursday Range Fee and Past Shooters Banquet		·
	Friday Lunch & Open Bar and Evening Western Barbeque		
	Saturday Hunt Breakfast and Evening Victory Banquet		
	Silver Cup Shoot		
	Commemorative Hunt and/or Don Nolde Shoot or Bighorn River Guided Fish	ing*	
•	*Fishing may incur additional expense		¢
2.	Guest Plan 2	(\$850.00)	\$
	Thursday Range Fee and Past Shooters Banquet		
	Friday Stag Lunch & Open Bar and Evening Western Barbeque Saturday Hunt Breakfast and Evening Victory Banquet		
	Commemorative Hunt and/or Don Nolde Shoot or Bighorn River Guided Fish	ina	
	*Fishing may incur additional expense	ing	
3.	Significant Other Plan 3	(\$285.00)	\$
	Thursday Past Shooters Banquet	(\$205.00)	Φ
	Friday S/O Event-BINGO and Evening Western Barbeque		
	Saturday Evening Victory Banquet		
4.	Significant Other Additional Events & Fees		
	Thursday Range Fee	(\$60.00)	\$
	Saturday Meadowlark Mkt Brunch & Candle Making	(\$45.00)	\$
	Saturday Past Shooters Hunt Breakfast	(\$15.00)	\$
	Bighorn River Guided Fishing (yes/no)	(Cost TBD)	
5.	Additional Meal Tickets		
	Thursday Past Shooters Banquet	(\$60.00)	\$
6.	Gun Board Tickets 1 x \$10 or 12 for \$100	()	\$
7.	2024 Non-Life Member Annual Dues	(\$100.00)	\$
	(Life Members will not need to pay)	(\$100.00)	Ψ
8.	Donation to Past Shooters in lieu of attending		\$
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9.	Late Fee after September 1st 2024	(\$100.00)	\$
		TOTAL	\$
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WIT T	YOU BE PUTTING YOUR NAME IN THE LICENSE DRAW FOR 2024? Y	FS	NO
	YOU BE DEFERRING YOUR LICENSE TO A GUEST IN 2024? YES	NO	
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	Phone		
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GUEST	Г NAME		
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Forma	re than 1 Guest place use additional sheets as needed		

For more than 1 Guest please use additional sheets as needed *Note: Each person must sign a Release to Participate. Releases will be available at registration check in. Make checks payable Past Shooters Club. You must be a Life Member of the One Shot Past Shooters Club or a member in good standing (with paid \$100 Annual Membership) to complete this registration form. Use #7 Above.

PAST SHOOTER LICENSE DRAW PROCESS

Effective June 4, 2021

All license recipients, including guests, must be registered and paid in full for the One-Shot Antelope Hunt.

The following lists pertain only to the **priority or order** in which each license is awarded. Payment for the state license will be made directly to Wyoming Game and Fish Department according to state regulation fees.

All license recipients and intended guests must be present at the Past Shooters License Issuance/ Hunt Area Draw in person per Wyoming Game and Fish regulations.

The Past Shooter License Issuance/Hunt Area Draw is usually held the Friday before the Hunt. If you or your guest are not present when your name is called at the Past Shooter Hunt Area Draw, your name will be placed at the bottom of Priority List Three. If the Past Shooter is not present when called again, the Past Shooter forfeits his chance at a license.

All Past Shooters on all priority levels may change places with another Past Shooter or defer their license to a guest registered for the hunt

The priority of issuance will be as outlined on the following page.

The final issuance list will be vetted by the License Draw Chairman and his/her decision on all licenses and placements is final.

Guest Rules

- All guests must be accompanied by their sponsoring Past Shooter. Guests of Past Shooters may only receive <u>two</u> Past Shooter licenses per LIFETIME. The office will keep a list of guest licenses.
- Guests MAY NOT transfer their license. If a Past Shooter wishes to hunt after deferring his/her license to a guest, they must receive a deferral from another Past Shooter on the list.

Priority One-Water for Wildlife® Priority Draw Positions

- Priority One issuance consists of five Water for Wildlife® Priority Draw Positions. These are the first five positions issued. All proceeds benefit Water for Wildlife Foundation conservation work.
- The bid is only for the privilege of being in the top 5 draw positions for license issuance and hunt area choice.
- Procedures for the Water for Wildlife® Priority Draw Positions Auction are outlined in the Water for Wildlife Priority Draw Position Auction document.

Priority Two-Returning New Past Shooters

- Priority Two will be the next priority list consisting of returning new members from the previous year's hunt, assuring them a draw position.
- A random draw for the priority order within List Two will be done by the License Committee Chairman and witnesses and placed in the order they are drawn.
- The random draw will occur on the Thursday before the hunt.
- The list will be generated and available at the Thursday evening banquet.

Priority Three-Registered Past Shooters

- Priority Three will be all remaining draw positions.
- A random draw for the priority order within List Three will be done by the License Committee Chairman and witnesses and placed in the order they are drawn.
- The random draw will occur on the Thursday before the hunt.
- The list will be generated and available at the Thursday evening banquet.

WATER FOR WILDLIFE® PRIORITY DRAW POSITION PROCESS

Effective June 8, 2022

The One-Shot Hunt Club and Past Shooters Club voted to designate the first five draw positions for a Water for Wildlife Priority Draw Position Auction. This fund-raising auction is to benefit the conservation work of the Water for Wildlife® Foundation.

There will be a bidding process for the Priority Draw Position Auction as outlined below:

Phone bids will be taken for three days beginning August 7^h, 2024 at 9:00 am MDT and ending August 9th, 2024 at 1:00 pm MDT. Time determined by the computer.

Bids will be taken at 307-332-6862 or 307-332-8190.

Winning bidders will be contacted on August 11th, 2024.

Starting bid is \$500 for each of the five Priority Draw Positions.

Once 5 bids of \$500 are received, the Priority Draw Positions will be awarded in order of the highest bid amounts. Any Draw Position not obtaining a bid of \$500 or more will go back into the general draw process.

Bids must be increased by increments of \$25.

These bids are <u>only</u> for the privilege of a top 5 Priority Draw Position and hunt area choice. Payment for the state license will be made directly to Wyoming Game and Fish Department according to state regulation fees.

Bidders must be Past Shooters Club members who register for and attend the hunt. A Past Shooter may only receive one priority draw position license.

All recipients **must be present** at the Past Shooter License Issuance and Hunt Area Draw in person per Wyoming Game and Fish regulations. The Past Shooter License Issuance/Hunt Area Draw is usually held the Friday before the Hunt. If you or your intended guest are not present when your name is called at the Past Shooter Hunt Area Draw, you will forfeit your Water for Wildlife Priority Draw Position bid donation and priority position. Your name will be placed at the bottom of the general license issuance.

Bid donations for the winning priority draw positions are payable to Water for Wildlife® Foundation, are tax deductible (verify with your accounting professional) and must paid in full within one week after the close of bidding.

These 5 licenses may be deferred to another registered Past Shooter or registered guest as outlined in the guest rules of the Past Shooters Club Draw Process.



FROM THE DESK OF PATRICKWALLACE WFW PRESIDENT

June 27, 2024

Greetings Past Shooters and Friends of Water for Wildlife,

I hope this summer finds you, your families and loved ones happy and well! There has been a lot happening at the Water for Wildlife Foundation in the few short months since the last Gazette was published. We were recently successful in conducting an online raffle for a Wyoming Game & Fish Commissioner's License. We were fortunate enough to have been given the license by Commissioner Kenneth Roberts from District #3.

Foo Foo Rah was a fun time this June. We enjoyed clear and moderate weather for all our activities. The event was well organized and attended this June. A big "Thank You" to Gina, our Executive Director, Summer Intern, Skyler and the range committee headed by Gary Nolde.

I would like to thank two of our long serving board members for their service. David Bules and Mark Scates both decided to retire earlier this Spring. The Board unanimously elected J.W. Stamison and Paul Fontaine to fill the empty seats. We look forward to your service. I encourage everyone to join us in supporting the Hunt Club, Past Shooters Club and our efforts to provide for the Water for Wildlife Foundation. Your attendance and participation in events at the Hunt in September and donations to the auctions and fundraising continue to support conservation efforts and in our tradition of comradery and sportsmanship.

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace President

resident

Hello from Executive Director

June 26, 2024

Greetings from Lander!

As you might have guessed from the title above, I have accepted the position of Executive Director for the One Shot Past Shooters Club and the Water for Wildlife Foundation. I have been working with you all as Office Manager since 2017 and it has been a pleasure to get to know many of you. I hope to have many more years greeting new members at the One Shot Hunt in September and working with our donors and water projects at Water for Wildlife.

Many things you have come to love about the event will stay the same. Banquets, Silent and Live Auctions, and the Gun Board are back again this year along with the shooting contests (thanks Gary and range crew!) and of course, hunting! The Past Shooters New Experience Committee has been hard at work to make these contests more fun. Details will be shared in the coming weeks bur plan on attending this year just to find out what they have in store!

Another improvement I would like to announce is the Silent Auction bidding and checkout process will be hosted on the One Cause app. This software is designed to make bidding more fun and competitive as well as make checkout on Friday night FASTER so you can get out and ready for the next morning's HUNT. We will have a help desk staffed by experts with the app to help you get set up and ready to bid. Helpers will also roam the floor so you can flag one down an get additional help if needed.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions!

Kind Regards, Gina Colovich Executive Director



WATER FOR WILDLIFE PROJECT #544 Update from Project Manager Carlos Madril New Mexico BLM

Upper Blue Wildlife Water Update:

As of yesterday, April 8th, the Upper Blue Wildlife Water is complete. This was one of the most difficult projects I've ever worked on from the implementation, design and engineering, to the project logistics. This project required the use of a helicopter to fly in materials and tools, required hiking to the project on a daily basis to implement, required hiking out of tools and equipment, and required some creative and innovative design and engineering techniques that required me rack my brain and think outside the box for sure.



The saddle that the project was constructed on was unfortunately

solid bedrock and required a different and innovative anchoring system on not only the fence uprights but also the catchment uprights that I have never used before. Initially we were predicting about 50/50 that we would hit rock and dirt but it was more like 90/10. It was difficult but we got it done.

For those of you that know my project design and engineering, I like to over engineer. I utilize the philosophy of, "If a little is good, then a lot is better" and I utilized that philosophy on this one plus some. The contractor tells me, "I've never worked with anyone that put so much thought into the design and engineering and implementation of a project but also cares about how it looks and shows up to inspect to make sure that the project is completed to specs. He tell me, I've never installed so many extra gussets, anchors, pins, welds, concrete, etc ... this is insane!" I told him unless you want to come back up and do maintenance, I sure as hell don't want to, that's the reason behind the madness. I want it to



be as maintenance free and long lasting as possible. Then he tells me, the wildlife are not going to care how it looks. I tell him no, but I do, so do it right and make it look good. Bottomline partners is I have your backs! I will do my best to get you the best possible product while also taking project costs and affordability into account. Essentially getting you the Best Bang for your Buck!

Funding Partners: For those that contributed funding to the project, I will be sending out a Final Inspection Letter and Invoices shortly. Also, for those that require Project Completion Reports, I will also be working on getting those out as well.

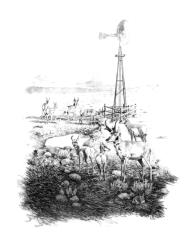
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- 2. NM Wild Sheep Foundation
- 3. Dallas Safari Club of New Mexico
- 4. Safari Club International of Southern New Mexico
- 5. Water for Wildlife Foundation

We hope to start on the Sierra Ladrones #2 Wildlife Water in about a week or so. This will be the last of the three water development projects that were planned and implemented utilizing a landscape scale habitat management approach.

Thank you for all your support and GO TEAM WILDLIFE! Carlos

2024 Summer Intern News





Hey! I'm Skyler LaRosa, and I'm the 2024 summer Water for Wildlife intern! I'm originally from Moose, WY, where my love for the outdoors started. I'm now going to school at the University of Wyoming, where I'm studying Wildlife & Fisheries Biology and Management. I look forward to learning about wildlife and conservation this summer, all while getting to explore the beautiful country out here. I'm passionate about sharing knowledge and a love for the outdoors and all of its creatures with everyone, so I encourage everyone to come by and let me give you a tour or have a chat!



Skyler LaRosa is from Moose, Wyoming





Gina and Skyler spent a day out inspecting the condition two water projects in the Gas Hills. Project # 501 Peralta Spring Improvement & Riparian Fence and Project #458 Hawkins Draw. We took pictures and plan to followup with the project managers this summer. It was a great day in the field!

2024 Foo Foo Rah highlights



WFW GOLF SCRAMBLE

RANGE CONTEST WINNERS:

Sporting Clays: Carl Asbell Cowboy Action: Peter Larsen Water Boil: John Shipper























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