



Broke-off Mountains Habitat Connectivity Project (Net-wire fence removal)



Background Information

- This area is characterized by rocky limestone hills with productive desert washes, and small areas along the hilltops and North facing slopes with scattered piñon and juniper. The area is host to a population of desert mule deer. Movement of this wildlife species is currently being impeded by an unnecessary fence that has been recommended for removal.
- This section of fence consists of net-wire, a relic from the times that this allotment was densely stocked with domestic sheep. The fence is not wildlife friendly and is no longer needed for grazing management.
- 12 miles of fence is being proposed for removal, with no replacement. This will dramatically improve wildlife movement throughout this landscape, allowing them to reach water and expand their foraging grounds without threat of entanglement.

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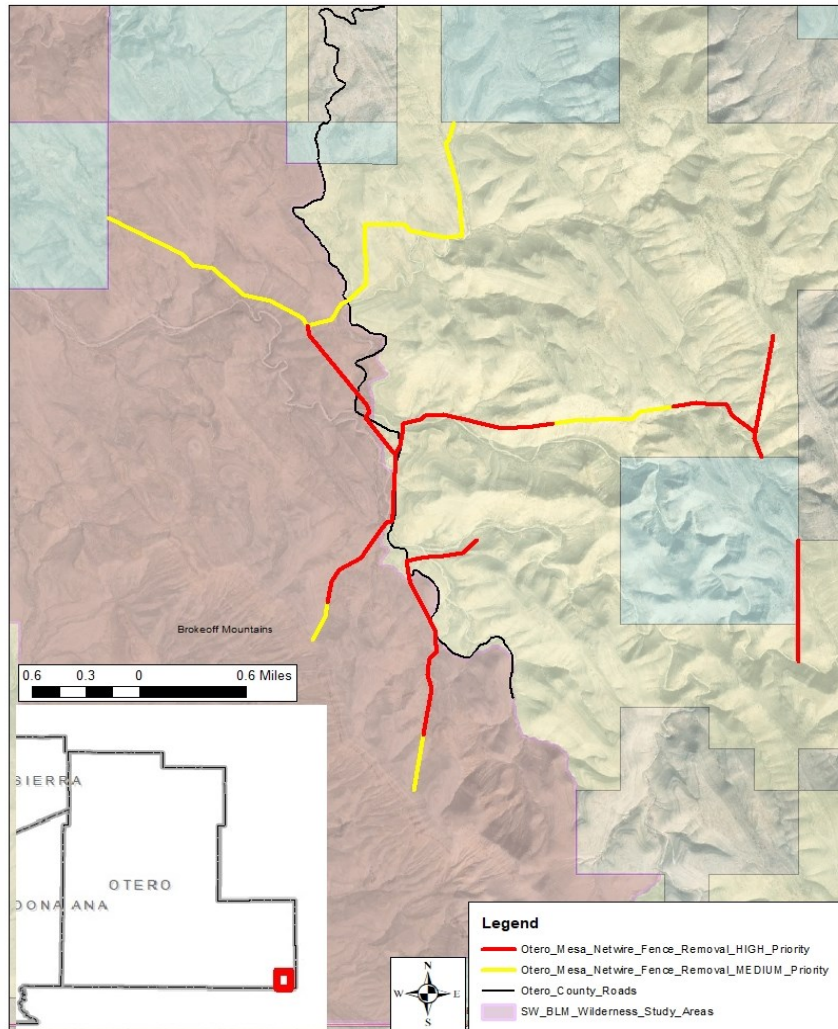
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Proposed Management Action

- The NMDGF, in collaboration with the Las Cruces BLM, will contract the removal of approximately 11.5 miles of net-wire fence at a cost of approximately \$9,000 per mile.
- Approximately a one half-mile of this project is on State Trust Land, and no HSP funds will be utilized on this section of fence. Other funding sources for this section have been identified.
- HSP funds will be utilized for the removal of the BLM portion of this fence. Once removed, these fence lines will be abandoned and there will be no fences installed in their place.
- The removed net-wire will be disposed of off site by the contractor.

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Estimated Budget for BLM Sections: \$100,000