



Taos Plateau Big Game Habitat Connectivity Project (Fence mod)

Background Information

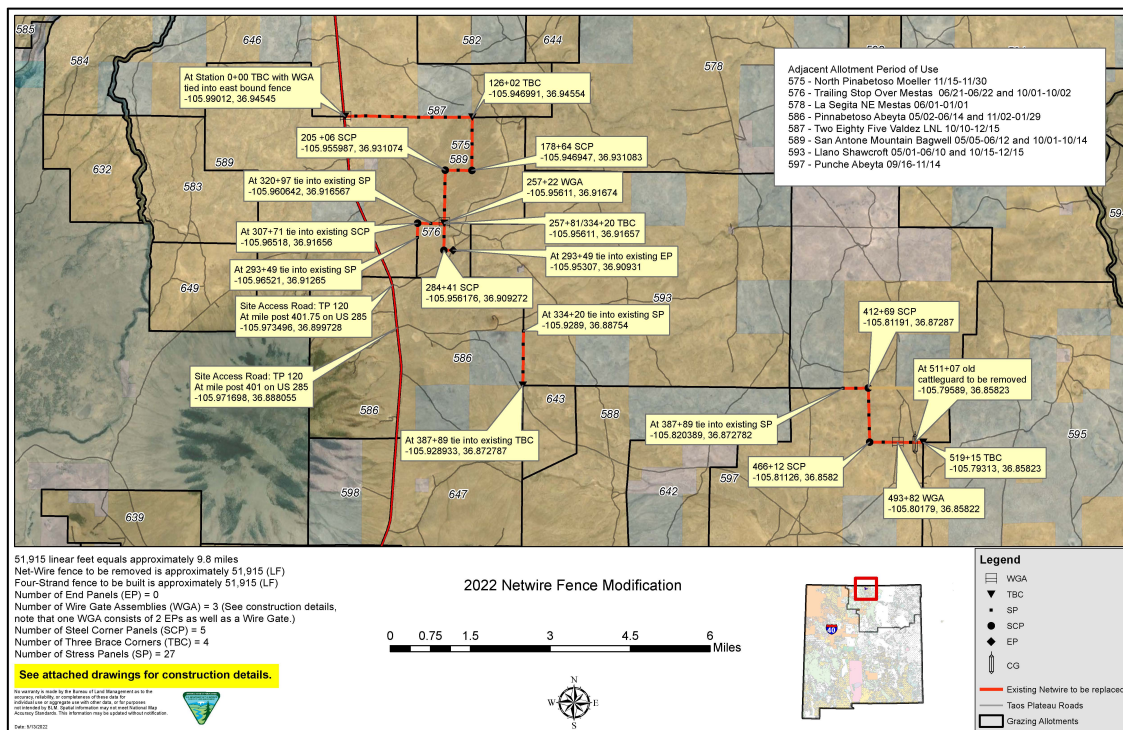
- The Taos BLM and partners have systematically removed sections of netwire fencing and replaced it with wildlife friendly wire fence over the past decade in order to improve wildlife movement throughout this important migration corridor.
- Fifteen miles of existing netwire fence have been identified for conversion through continued research into big game migration and movement throughout the Taos Plateau landscape. The modification of this fence is recommended as a result of this research, and as a management action to improve wildlife movement.
- The BLM has secured funding for 9 miles of these modifications, leaving approximately 6 additional miles of fencing that can be completed using HSP funds.
- Removal of the netwire fence will allow for easier movement of wildlife, particularly big game, and eliminate the threat of fence related mortality.

Photo:BLM

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Proposed Management Action

- The NMDGF, in collaboration with the Taos BLM, will contract the modification of 6 miles of netwire fence to meet current wildlife friendly specifications.
- HSP funds will be utilized for the removal and modification of up to 6 miles of this fence, at an estimated cost of \$20,000 per mile.
- The removed fence will be disposed of off site by the contractor.
- Google Earth Link:

Estimated Budget: \$120,000