

Five Years of Progress on Secretarial Order 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors

Secretarial Order 3362 was signed in 2018 to emphasize the importance of conserving and improving elk, mule deer, and pronghorn antelope habitat. Each year, the BLM works cooperatively with state and Tribal governments, federal agencies, landowners, universities, conservation organizations, and others to improve millions of acres of fish, wildlife, and plant habitat degraded from wildland fire, drought, invasive weeds, and development on



Over the last five years, the BLM has...

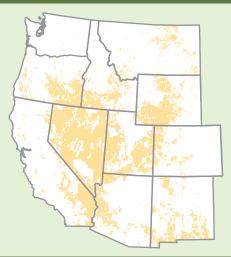
Removed or modified over **1,250 miles** of fencing to improve wildlife movement and migration



Improved over 3 million acres

of big game habitat, with over

1 million acres located in stateidentified migration corridors



Installed or maintained over **1,150 water developments** for use by big game animals and other wildlife

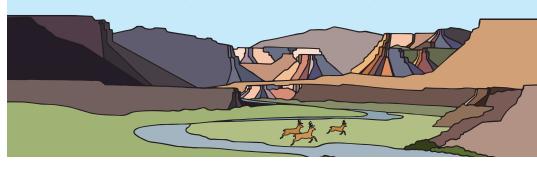


Partnerships

Attended over 335 regional and local coordination meetings

Supported over 70 monitoring and research projects related to big game movement

Concentrated habitat work in areas identified by State Action Plans





To improve big game habitat, the BLM annually treats...

~207,000 acres mechanically



~21,000 acres with prescribed fire



~177,000 acres with planting/seeding



~207,000 acres



Since the inception of SO 3362, this focused effort has resulted in...

~2.9 million acres of improved habitat for mule deer

~1.7 million acres of improved habitat for elk ~1.9 million acres of improved habitat for pronghorn

Improved ecosystem health for plants, animals, and fish



How does the BLM support work benefitting big game species?

These efforts take a significant amount of money and human resources.

The BLM contributes approximately

\$30 million per year

on improvement projects that benefit big game habitat and migration corridors.



This funding represents only a portion of the total amount spent each year to conserve wildlife habitat on public lands. Several BLM programs (fire and fuels, range, greater sage-grouse) and multiple conservation partners provide additional support.



The BLM has provided NFWF ~\$10 million to the Western Big Game Seasonal Habitat and Migration Corridors Fund, which has leveraged over

\$70 million in matching contributions.



The result:

ONE million additional acres of big game habitat protected or improved

900 more miles of fencing made wildlife friendly





















