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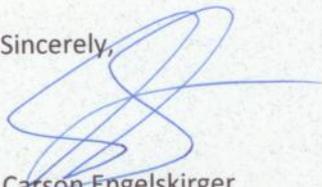
Dear Mr. Decker,

Please find the attached 'supplemental 'Mesa Fence Modification project documents per discussions with your office. This supplement includes updated maps, a monitoring plan, letters of support and an overall fencing management plan.

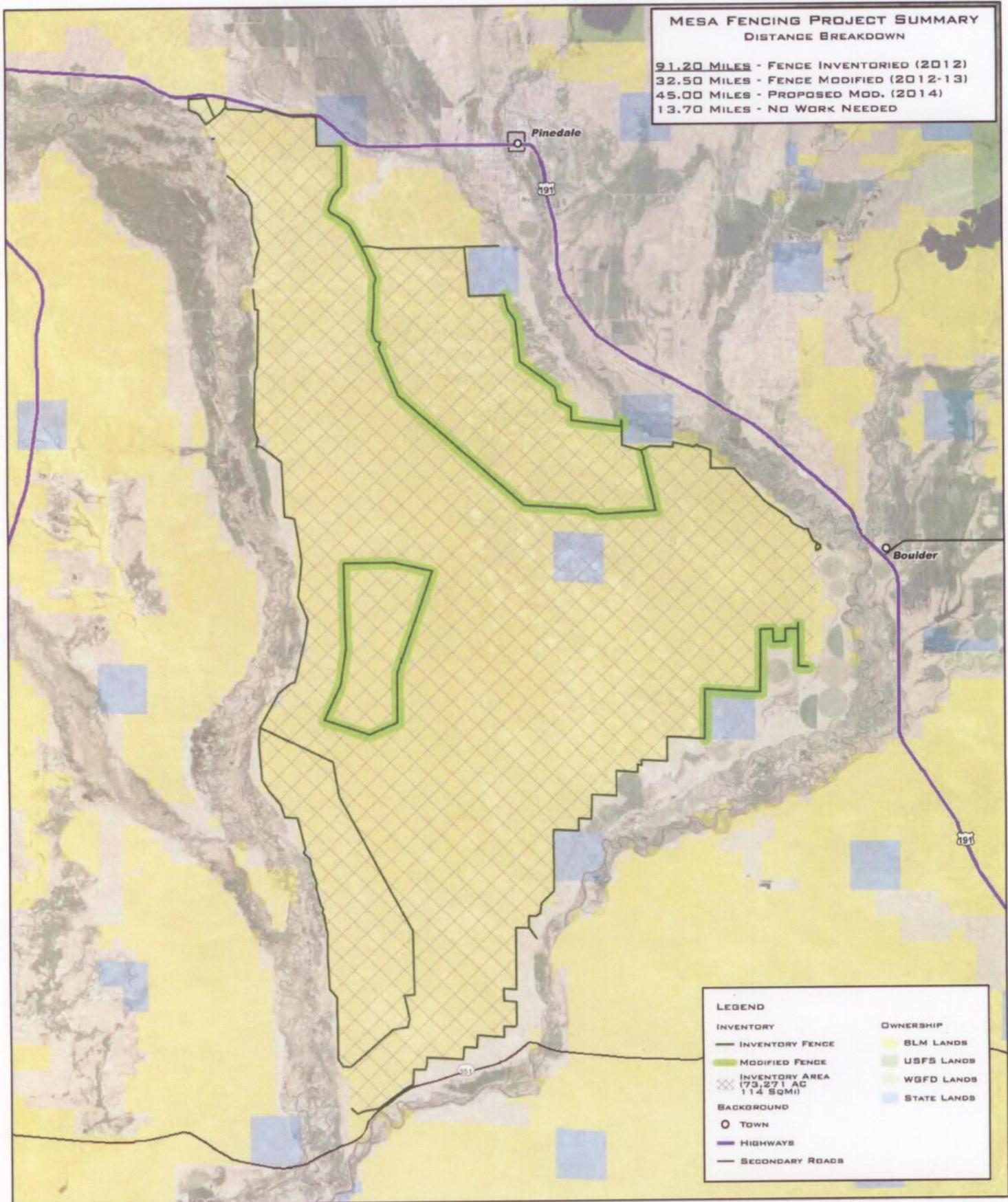
If possible, I would like to present this project proposal before the board, assuming it would be helpful in better understanding the project.

If you have any questions, please call me at 307-460-1618. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Carson Engelskirger
Executive Director



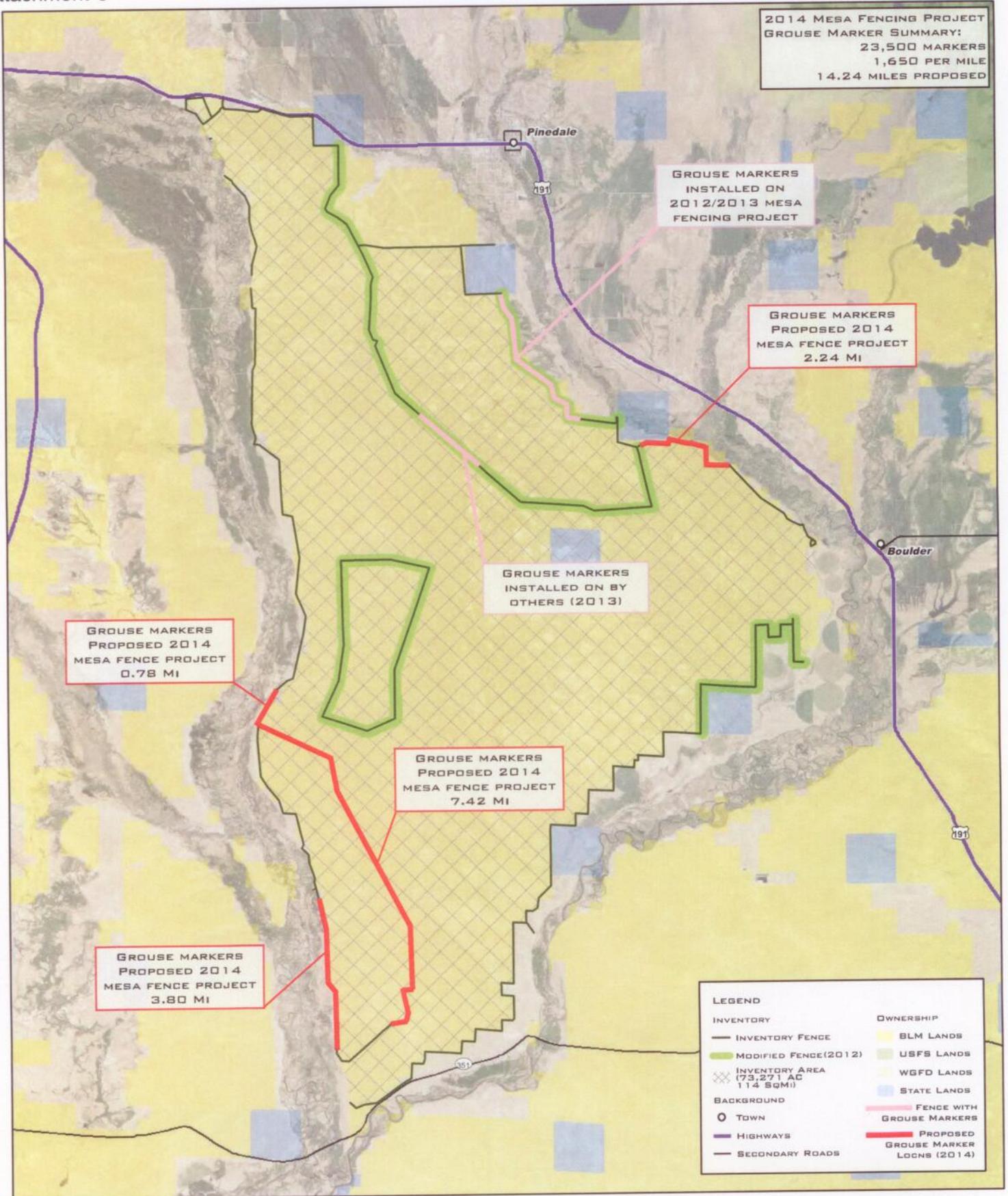
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SUBLETTE COUNTY, WYOMING

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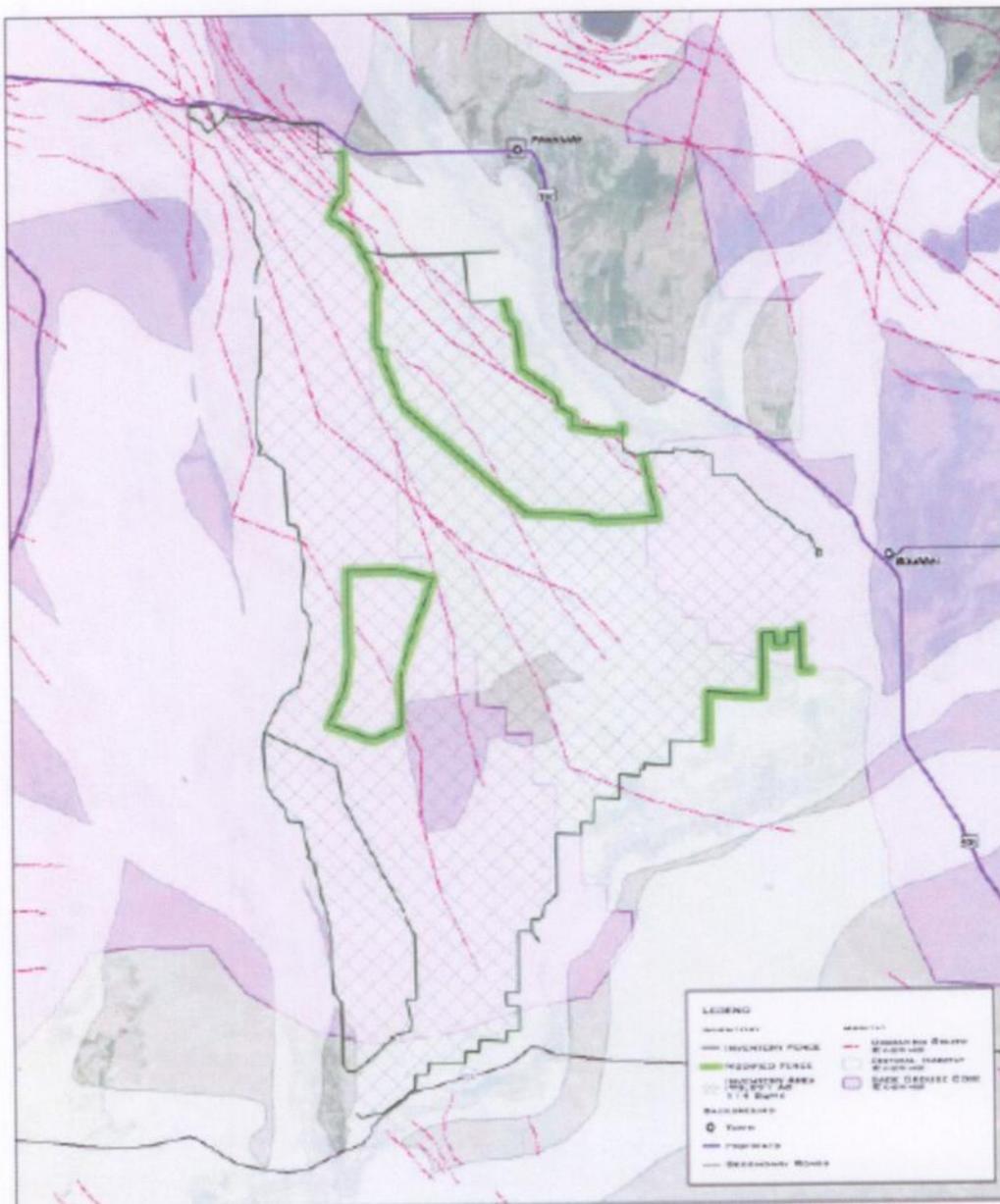
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Mesa Fence Modification Project Fencing Management Plan

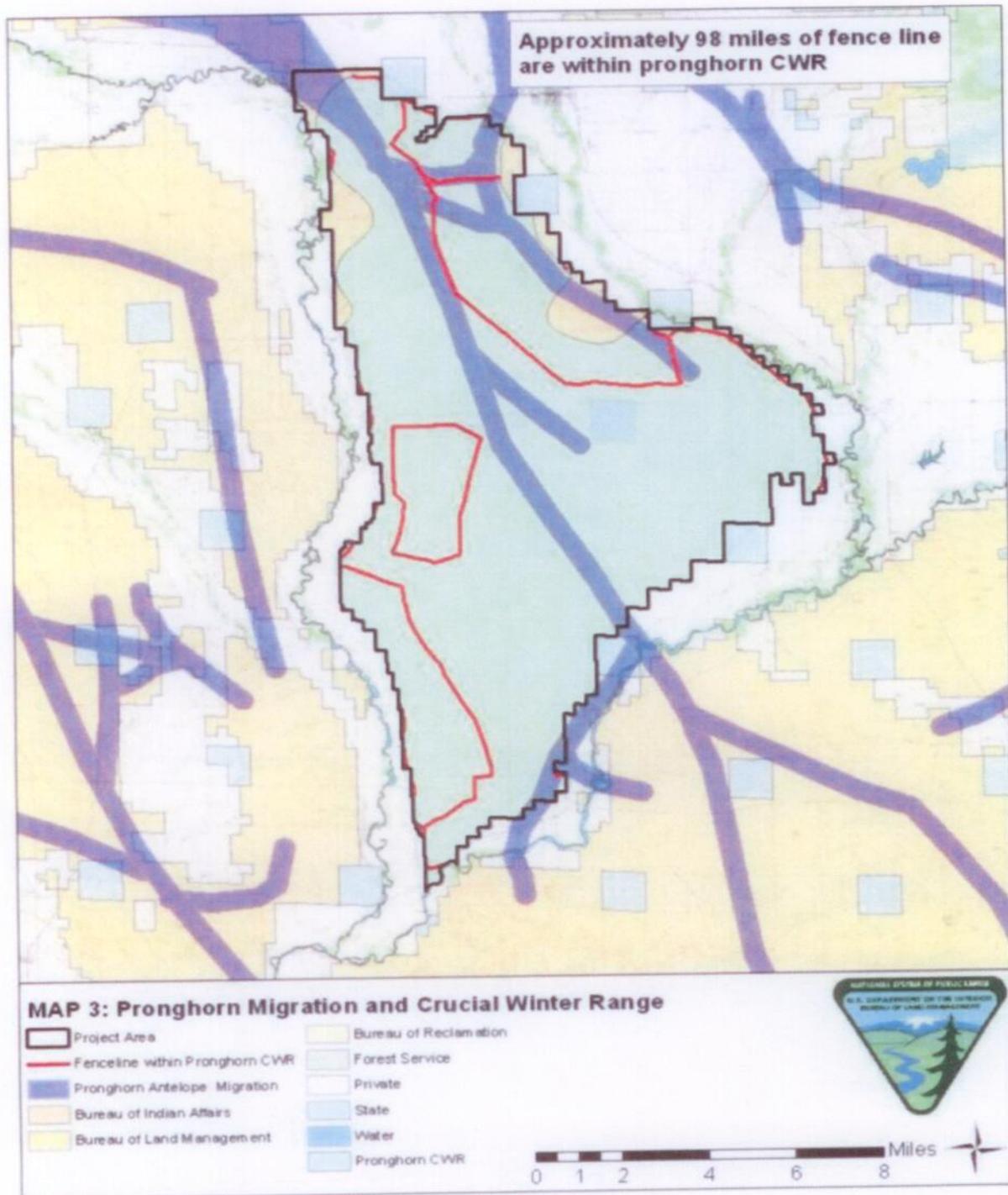
The proposed Mesa Fence Modification Project plans to build on several years of prior fence modification work. The past several phases have completed hundreds of miles of fence modification in key areas that successfully improved migration of wintering ungulates. This end result is an overall reduction in the number of fence related mortalities associated with seasonal migration patterns.

Below is migration data on wintering mule deer. The image depicts heavy use of the Mesa area.



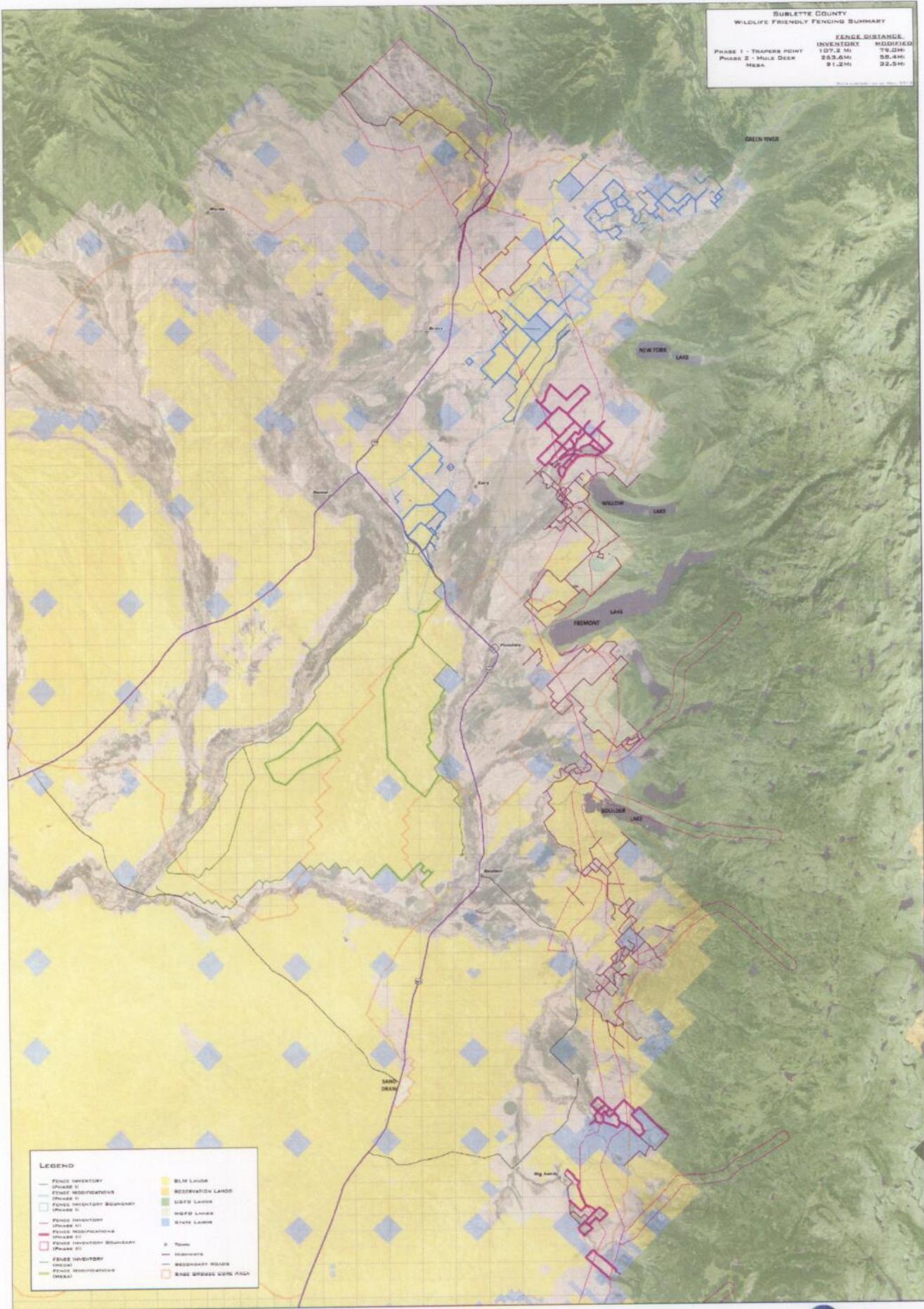
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Below is an image depicting pronghorn migration to the Mesa for the winter.



The Mesa represents an important piece of crucial wintering range for both mule deer and pronghorn. By completing the proposed fencing in this project, it will tie together several years of hard work and resources.

SUBLETTE COUNTY WILDLIFE FRIENDLY FENCING SUMMARY	
	EDGE DISTANCE
INVENTORY	MODIFIED
PHASE 1 - TRAPPER POINT	107.8 MI 79.0MI
PHASE 2 - MULE DEER	233.0MI 225.4MI
NEEA	81.0MI 82.5MI



LEGEND

— FENCE INVENTORY (PHASE I)	■ BLM LANDS
— FENCE INVENTORY (PHASE II)	■ RESERVATION LANDS
— FENCE INVENTORY (PHASE III)	■ USFS LANDS
— FENCE INVENTORY (PHASE IV)	■ STATE LANDS
— FENCE INVENTORY (PHASE V)	■ TOWNS
— FENCE INVENTORY (PHASE VI)	— HIGHWAYS
— FENCE INVENTORY (PHASE VII)	— NECESSARY ROADS
— FENCE INVENTORY (PHASE VIII)	— SAND SPREAD CORN AREA

SUBLETTE COUNTY FENCE INVENTORY
SUBLETTE COUNTY, WYOMING

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To Whom It May Concern;

On behalf of the Wyoming Community Foundation, I would like to formally voice our support for the Mesa Fence Modification Project currently proposed by Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation.

As you may know, Wyoming Wildlife – The Foundation is a component fund of the Wyoming Community Foundation which has a strong track record of successful projects and events around the state that benefit and enhance Wyoming's rich wildlife resource. Conservation & Natural Resources are key interests of WYCF and we believe that encouraging conservation efforts where agricultural and energy-related activities overlap is a priority in Wyoming.

This project involves a broad-based, active and vibrant collaboration of partners and stakeholders and is designed to replicate the positive results obtained through similar projects undertaken in the past. There is strong evidence that these proposed fence modifications will significantly reduce fence related deaths and injuries for the many species of ungulates that are known to winter in the mesa area southwest of Pinedale as well as for sage grouse.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Harrop', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Diane Harrop,
Board Chairman
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Grant Application for Mesa Fencing Project

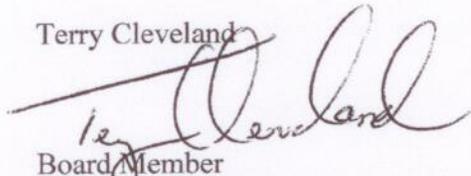
Wyoming Wildlife—The Foundation is pleased to present a grant application that seeks funding to modify 45 miles of existing barbed wire fence to install new 'wildlife friendly fencing' that will greatly benefit mule deer and other big game species which migrate onto and off the "Mesa", just SW of Pinedale, Wyoming in Sublette County. This area is crucial winter range for several ungulate species, including mule deer. The Mesa has been the focal point for energy development for several years and the result has been diminished habitat, increased vehicle traffic, and negative impacts to big game and sage grouse. This project also proposes to install sage-grouse markers in key areas to minimize sage-grouse collisions with fences and thus reduce mortality to grouse in the area.

The Foundation acquired the concept for this project from the Wyoming Land Trust, which has accomplished very successful similar fencing projects in the area in the past. Our efforts build on the previous work of the Land Trust and look to complete fence modifications in a critical area that continues to experience mortality of big game and sage grouse due to conflicts with existing fencing types.

The project totals \$510,608.00 in its entirety. These funds will be sought from a variety of sources, including the Pinedale Anticline Project Office (PAPO), the Wyoming Wildlife & Natural Resource Trust Fund (WWNRT), and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Representatives of Wyoming Wildlife--The Foundation have met with personnel from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Land Management, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and personnel from energy companies regarding the project and it appears there is excellent support from those entities for the proposal.

As a retired career wildlife professional and current member of the Board of Wyoming Wildlife--The Foundation, I greatly see the need for the project and its resulting benefits to big game and sage grouse in the area. I ask that you favorably consider the grant application.

Terry Cleveland



Board Member

Wyoming Wildlife—The Foundation

Mesa Fence Modification Project
Monitoring Plan

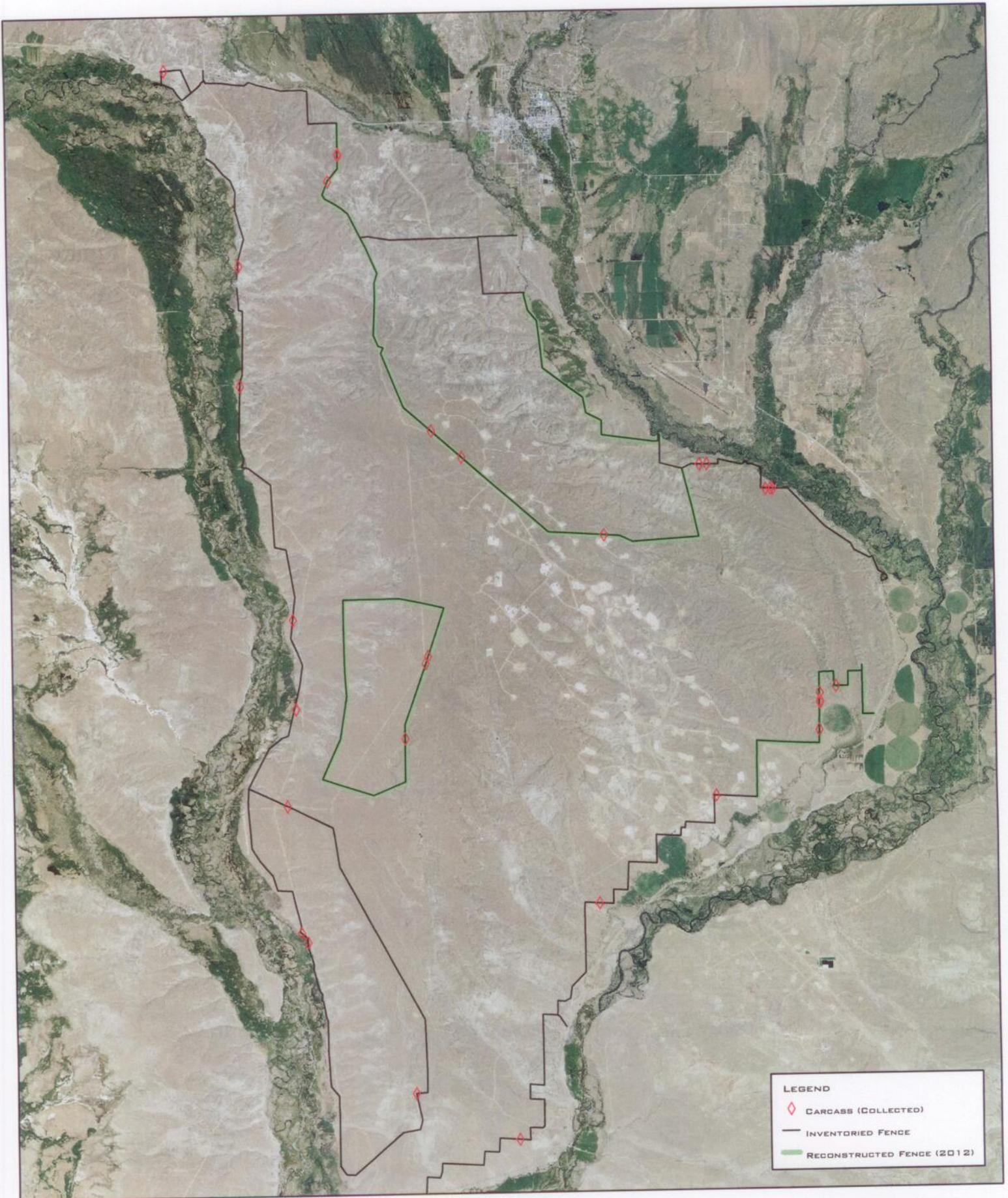
The Mesa Fence Modification Project proposes modification of approximately 45 miles of 'high priority' fence as identified by the Pinedale Anticline Project Office. This plan will outline aspects of the monitoring plan.

In 2012, WLC Engineers were hired to conduct a fencing inventory of all fences on the Mesa. As part of this inventory, carcass counts were documented using a GPS, identified according to species and mapped.

The Mesa Fence Modification Project plans to implement on the ground work in the summer work season of 2014. Prior to modification in the spring of 2014, the inventoried fence will be resurveyed to document carcass count data and locations.

Early fall 2014 is the anticipated completion of the Mesa Fence Modification Project. One year following completion (4 seasons), there will be another survey to document carcass count data and locations.

These surveys will be compiled, analyzed and used to draft a Mesa Fence Modification Monitoring Report. The report will include a detailed breakdown of the data including species and carcass numbers. This report will be submitted to the Pinedale Anticline Project Office and available to the public.



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- ◆ CARCASS (COLLECTED)
- INVENTORIED FENCE
- RECONSTRUCTED FENCE (2012)

MESA MORTALITY OVERVIEW

SUBLETTE CO., WYOMING

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