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## Pinyon-Juniper Treatments and Grassland Restoration Wildlife Program, Lakeside Ranger District, FY2012 Accomplishments Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Southwest Region

**State:** Arizona

**Congressional District:** 1<sup>st</sup>

**Accomplishments:**

Restoration of 10,000 acres of grassland habitat, including restoration of pronghorn antelope cover and fawning habitat, improvement of winter range conditions for mule deer, elk, and wild turkey, and improved wildlife cover and forage conditions for a variety of species on the Railroad grazing allotment.

**Forest Service Contribution:** The District used the cost of completing the NEPA planning process as matching dollars for grant funding.

**Partner Contribution:** \$425,000 since 2009; \$150,000 was contributed in FY2012.

**Project Costs:** \$575,000

**External Partners:**

Arizona Game and Fish Department, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Arizona Elk Society, Eastern Arizona Resource Advisory Committee, Antelope Foundation, Arizona Deer Association, Habitat Partnership Committee, Mule Deer Foundation, and permittee.

**Internal Partners:**

Range/Wildlife/Fuels/Fire.

The Lakeside Ranger District completed NEPA on the Railroad grazing allotment that allows for a total of 10,000 acres each of grassland and woodland pinyon-juniper restoration to be implemented to restore woodland and grassland habitat types. The removal of young pinyon-juniper trees, combined with the newly developed livestock grazing guidelines, will result in the restoration of grassland and woody browse cover for pronghorn antelope fawning, as well as improved winter range conditions for mule deer, elk and wild turkey. The funding from grant dollars from a variety of partners has been used for landscape-scale treatments that will continue to improve wildlife cover and foraging conditions for a variety of species, reduce fire hazards adjacent to the communities of Vernon and Show Low, improve watershed conditions, and restore winter range and grassland habitat.



Before.



After.

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