ARIZONA ANTELOPE FOUNDATION

Vekol Valley BLM Fence Removal Project February 22, 2025

Project Location: We will be working on BLM lands approximately 4 miles south of Interstate 8, at the Vekol Valley Exit at Mile Marker 144, 25 miles west/southwest of Casa Grande, AZ.

Project Begins: Saturday, February 22, 2025. Please meet at camp not later than 8:00AM. This is a **one-day project.** Due to the road conditions we may be carpooling to the worksite in 4X4's only. If you arrive after 8:00 AM you may be unable to drive individually to the worksite. While as of this printing we don't know the exact work activity to occur on Friday we may have work to be accomplished for those who arrive by 1PM. **NOTE:** If you are a first time attendee, please go the following link and watch the 4 separate u-tubes on actual fence modifications: https://www.azantelope.org/Volunteer

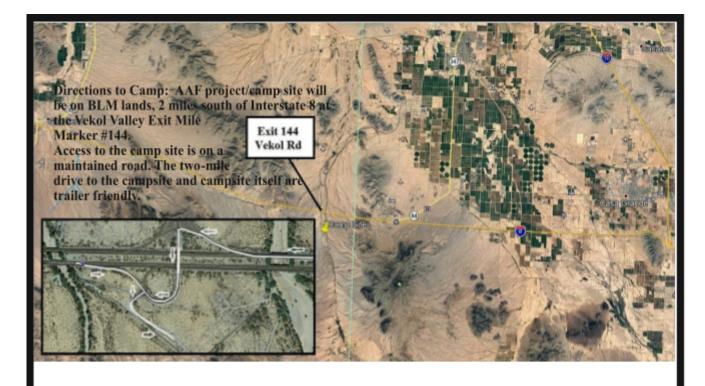
Project Activity: We will be removing 2-3 miles of 4-strand fence.

Sonoran Pronghorn Benefits: This effort is located on the eastern boundary of historic endangered Sonoran Pronghorn habitat and near the current release site. The BLM has had a long-term plan of removing up to 54 miles of un-needed livestock fence in this zone to make it more attractive to Sonoran Pronghorn. This marks our 5th of multiple fence removal projects planned in this zone. Pronghorn have been released in this zone 3 times the most recent December of 2024.

What to Bring: Work gloves (The AAF will have a limited supply), snacks, water, personal gear.

<u>Meals:</u> Please provide your own lunch to eat in the field on Saturday. AAF will provide field water on the project day and dinner for all volunteers on Friday and Saturday nights, continental breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

RSVP/Contact: Please register by **Monday, February 17th** so we can plan to have enough food and tools for everyone. The direct link to register online for this project is https://azantelope.org/event-6050551. You may also **RSVP** to info@azantelope.org. The AAF phone number for project info/questions is 480.702.1045.



From Gila Bend: Drive 25 miles east on Interstate-8 and exit From Casa Grande: South of Casa Grande on Interstate-10 south at the Vekol Valley Exit #144. Drive 2 miles south to the campsite located on west side of road.

take the Interstate-8 intersection west toward Yuma. Drive 34 miles west on I-8 and exit south at Vekol Valley Exit #144. Drive 2 miles south to the campsite located on the west side of the road.



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