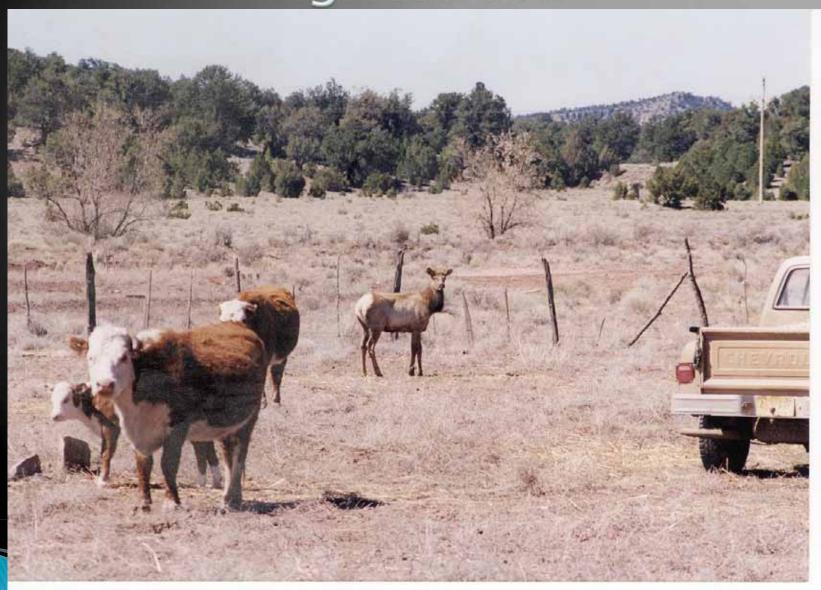
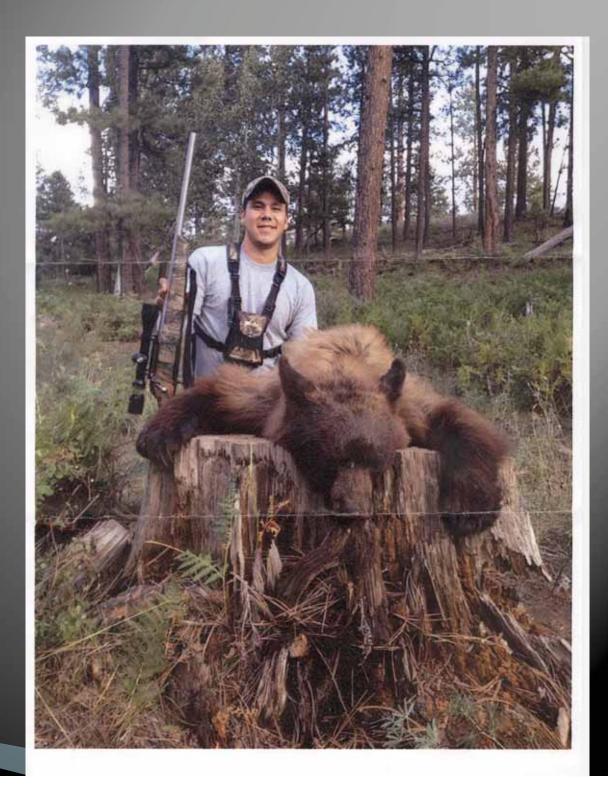
Big Game in Agricultural Areas

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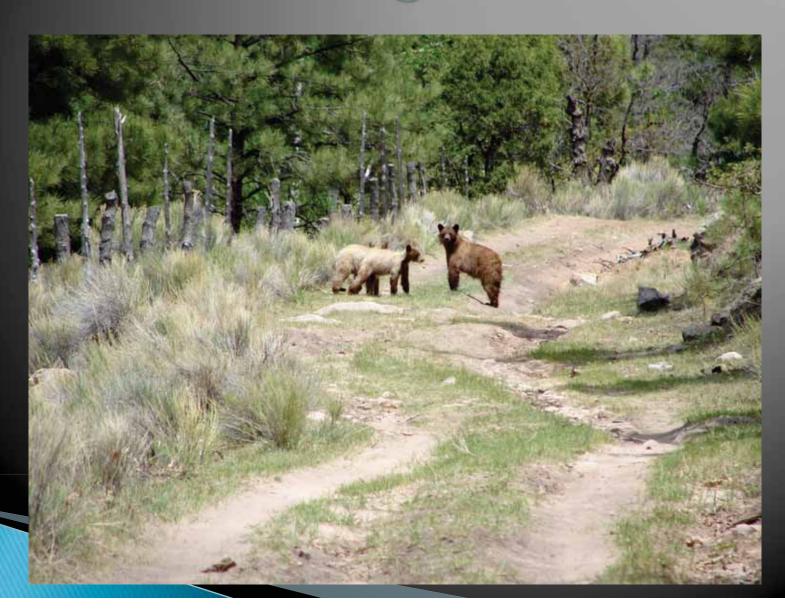
We have Big Game Conflicts with Agriculture



Mainly deer, elk and bear



Livestock, Fence and crop Damage



People are growing crops within wildlife habitat in areas like Crystal, Tsaile, Wheatfields, Lukachukai, Cove

If you are farming within wildlife habitat you need to invest in a fence

We have wildlife friendly fence specifications we provide to farmers

Improper fencing is deadly to many wildlife species

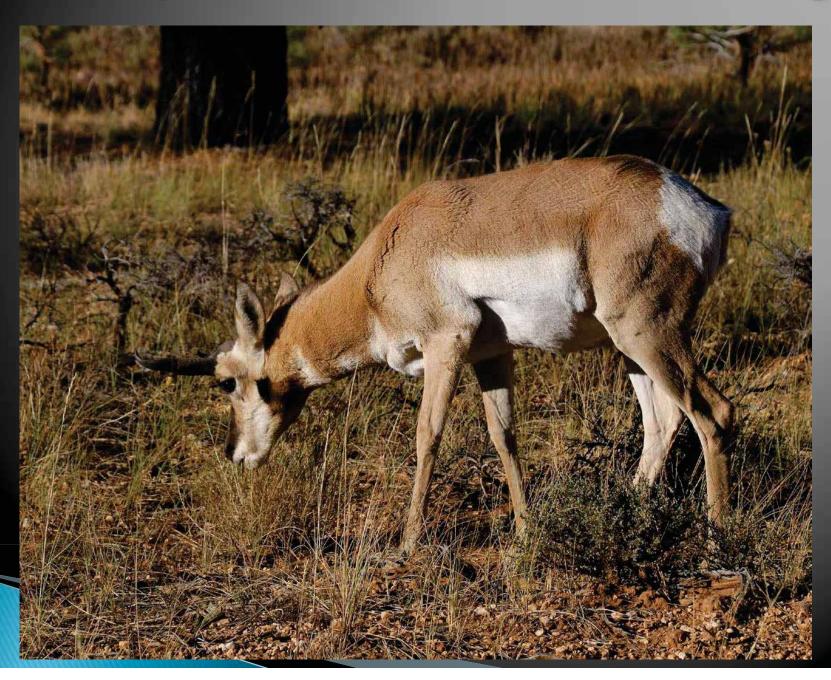
We will meet owner on site to evaluate the damage



We identify the species causing the damage



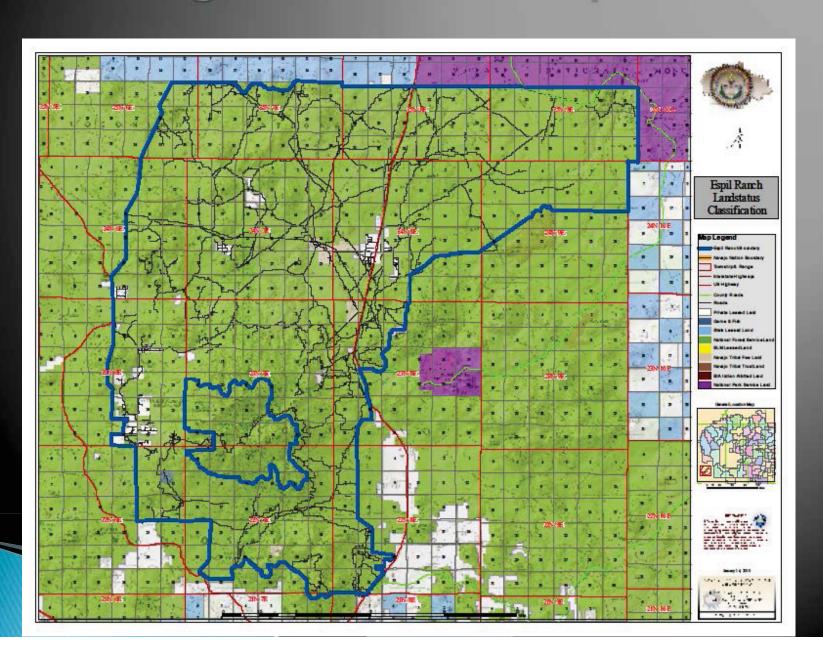
We verify the extent of the damage



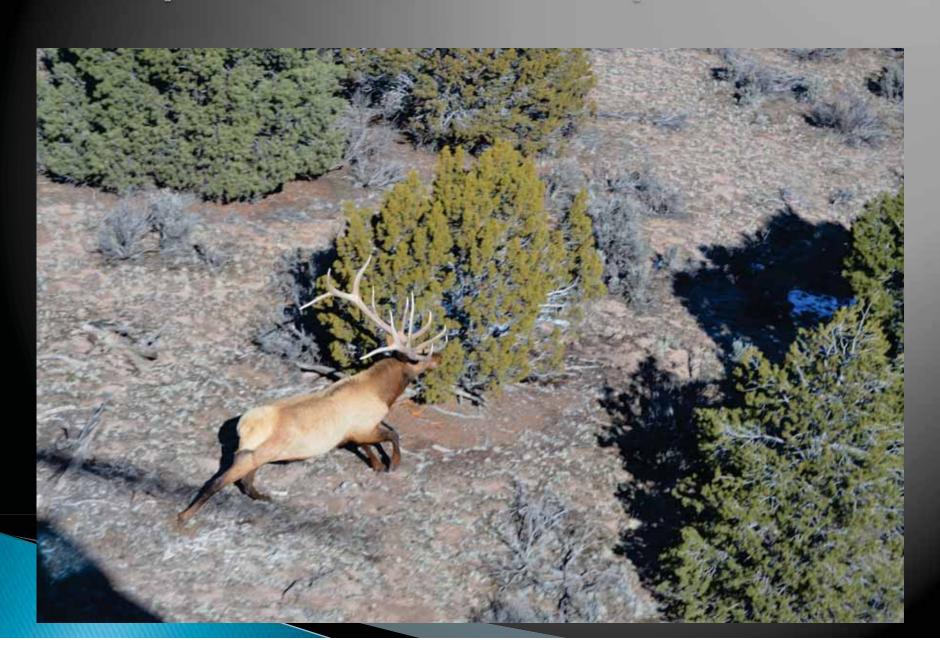
We assess the value of the property damage



We check that the individual has an agricultural use permit



We discuss potential solutions to the problem with the permittee



When there is significant damage to crops caused by deer or elk

We offer the farmer fencing materials that they are responsible for installing

We will provide barbed wire and we get a pole permits from Forestry to provide longer fence posts to exclude the deer and elk

We have also provided T-Posts that have been welded to existing T-Posts to raise the level of a fence

We do not provide special permits to harvest deer or elk causing property damage because it is not a long-term solution to the problem

We do not provide financial assistance to farmers

Some of the complaints are not validated

If crops are of no value due to drought conditions, we do not invest in that situation

It is illegal to kill big game without a permit



Except for predators such as bears and lions when they are in the act of attacking livestock



Beavers have caused problems with irrigation and dam repair projects

We will remove beavers in such instances upon request

Most beaver problems are along the San Juan River Irrigation areas

Individuals can harvest beavers with a trapping permit or a Small Game Permit