

**PRONGHORN**  
(*ANTILOCAPRA AMERICANA*)

**Navajo/Federal Statuses:** NESL G3<sup>1</sup> / not listed under the ESA.

**Distribution:** Range includes most western U.S. states from south-central Canada west to NV and south to AZ, NM, and western TX. Occupied range on Navajo Nation is New Lands<sup>1</sup> area, the southwestern portion north of Flagstaff, and checkerboard lands in New Mexico.

**Habitat:** Found in grasslands or desertscrub areas with rolling or dissected hills or small mesas, and usually with scattered shrubs and trees (typically juniper and sagebrush).

**Similar Species:** Smaller in size than mule deer, and Pronghorn has pronged horns and large patches of white on throat, sides of face, rump, and underparts.

**Phenology:**

- e.AUG-l.SEP: mating season (peak in l.AUG-e.SEP)
- e.MAY-m.JUN: birthing of young (young travel with adult herd at 3 weeks)
- l.JUL-l.SEP: weaning of young

**Survey Method:** ≥1 pedestrian, automobile or aerial survey throughout year with high-power optics; or consultation with Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife (NNDFWL).

**Avoidance:** No disturbance within 1.6 km (1 mile) of known and potential lambing areas during 1 MAY-15 JUN; install wildlife-friendly fences within occupied habitat; avoid disturbances that cause habitat fragmentation of wintering, fawning, and seasonal-movement corridors; consultation with NNDFWL necessary.

**References:**

Hoffmeister, D.F. 1986. Mammals of Arizona. The University of Arizona Press. (description p.549)

<sup>1</sup>NESL G3 designation **excludes** ‘New Lands’ (Navajo Fish & Wildlife Management Unit 16), the boundaries of which are defined as: From Sanders, AZ east along the Management Unit 4 boundary line to the Zuni boundary; south along the boundary line past AZ Hwy.61 to the Navajo Nation/state boundary; west along the boundary line past US Hwy.666 to the Navajo Nation/state boundary; north along Rd.2007 to Navajo, AZ; west (to the north and south of Interstate 40) to the state/Petrified Forest National Park boundary; north along the boundary line to the Management Unit 8 boundary; east along the boundary line to US Hwy.191; south to Chambers and east to Sanders.