

Elk and Antelope Updates – BMAC February 7, 2012

Table 1. Approved for Implementation 11/12

Elk – La Panza Elk Herd Composition Fixed wing flights
Completed November 2011

Elk – San Luis Reservoir Comp Counts
Completed November 2011

Pronghorn - Fixed Wing Survey Flights
San Luis Obispo Completed July 2011
NE California Completed January 2012

Elk - Statewide Monitoring Methodology for Assessing Elk Population Status. Develop comprehensive survey strategy for elk
Initiated – RA hours and funding transfer

Table 2. 11/12 & 12/13 Approved Projects for development into full proposals.

Elk - Investigating the Habitat Ecology and Distribution of Roosevelt elk in the Klamath Mountains.

In progress, several additional elk were recently collared. Three corral traps are currently set up in Siskiyou County.

Pronghorn – Pronghorn Distribution, Movement, and Habitat use in NE CA.

Region is working on the full proposal now; hope to have it in draft form by 1 March. Proposing to capture and mark significant number (100) animals throughout NECA (all hunting zones). Migration corridors, distribution within seasonal range, health assessments etc.

Table 3. Projects that did not make the initial cut but may be considered for 12/13 funds if proposals are developed.

Elk – Grizzly Island Elk Population dynamics

RMEF funded project. Capture plan has been written and is going up the chain for signatures.

Elk – San Luis elk herd range identification.

On hold pending availability of personnel to complete proposal.

Elk - Owens Valley Elk movement.

Waiting Regional completion of full proposal.

Elk – Statewide Elk Helicopter Surveys

On hold waiting completion of survey design project. Partial project being worked on to complete some surveys depending on helicopter availability.

Elk – Tule Elk Habitat use in Eastern San Luis Obispo County – Vegetation Classification.

Region is working on full proposal pending availability of funding.

Elk – Study of elk expansion into Plumas and Sierra Counties

Region is submitting proposal to local county fish and game commissions in spring 2012 for supplemental support.

Elk – Long Term consequences of tule elk reintroduction for native and exotic vegetation.

Had a site visit with Hall Cushman to look at study site. Encouraged him to work on writing it up to a full proposal.

Elk – CEQA document for elk reintroduction in the GEA.

Working on full proposal to move forward pending \$ availability.