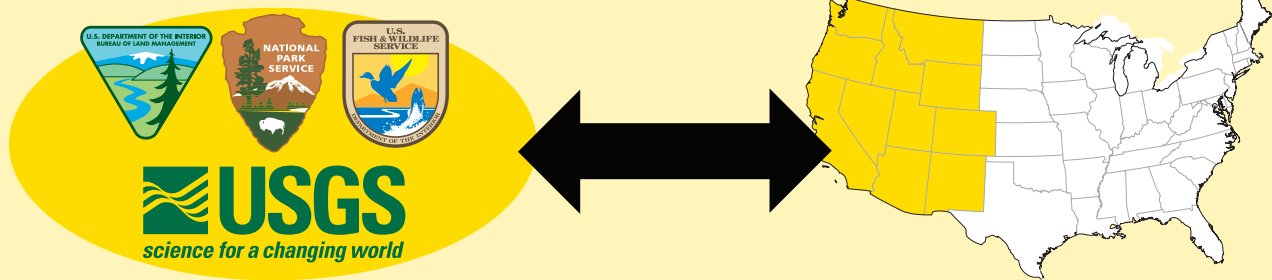


Department of the Interior Secretarial Order 3362: Improving Habitat Quality in Western Big Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors Implementation Progress Report

Mule deer, elk, and pronghorn have tremendous ecological and economic significance, but changes across western landscapes are impacting the quality of important habitats.



Secretarial Order 3362 is designed to improve big game winter range and migration corridor habitat through partnerships with fish and wildlife agencies in 11 western states.



ACTION PLANS

The state agencies collaborated with the Department of the Interior to develop Action Plans. These plans include state identified priority areas for habitat conservation and serve to:



RESEARCH AND MAPPING SUPPORT

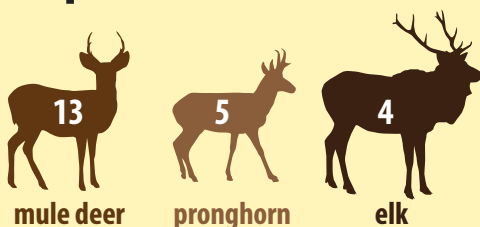
In the first 2 years of implementation, the states received funding to address data gaps regarding big game movements.



The funding was used to address state-defined priority research projects.

Year 1 = 18 projects

\$3.2 million



Year 2 = 23 projects

\$3.2 million

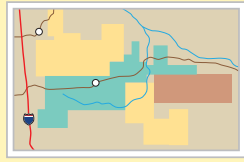


Total 41 projects

\$6.4 million

RESEARCH AND MAPPING SUPPORT (CONTINUED)

The USGS provided over \$1 million in funding and technical support.



created a Corridor Mapping Team



provided technical assistance
to states and tribes

HABITAT CONSERVATION

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Partners for Fish and Wildlife program provided almost \$10 million in direct grant funds and matching funds surpassed \$30 million to support habitat conservation, restoration, or enhancement activities in all 11 states.

39 fence-related projects
addressing 326 miles of fence

5 projects to restore or enhance
14,455 acres with improved
management and/or
post-fire rehabilitation

8 habitat conservation
easements totaling over
39,000 acres

21 projects on invasive species and
nonnative grass treatments covering a
total of 302,287 acres

IMPACT ACROSS THE WESTERN STATES

Secretarial Order 3362 has
attracted considerable attention
and created momentum for big
game habitat conservation.



**WESTERN
GOVERNORS'
ASSOCIATION**

Policy Resolution 2019-08: Wildlife Migration
Corridors and Habitat, dated June 2019



Wildlife Movement and
Migration Working Group
established July 2019
inviting participation from
the BLM, FWS, and USGS

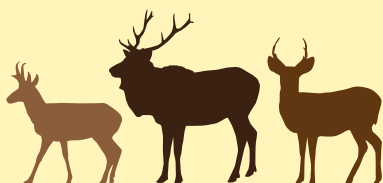
TRANSPORTATION

The states identified highways as a prevalent risk or threat to their
priority migration corridors or winter range areas, which
led to the Ungulates and Highways Workshop
hosted by a conservation partner
in January 2019.

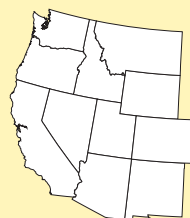
- over 80 participants
- 11 state fish and wildlife agencies
- 12 state departments of transportation

LOOKING AHEAD

The long-term success of these implementation efforts requires a nonregulatory and voluntary approach with
a broad array of committed partners, diverse funding sources, and other actions.



expand participation by private landowners,
other departments, foundations, and tribes



respect state management
authority and priorities



develop stronger
communication and outreach