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## Wyo Land Trust in new phase of Corridor Conservation

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PINEDALE – The Wyoming Land Trust has launched a new phase of the Corridor Conservation Campaign to help protect mule deer and other big game along a key migration route at the foot of the Wind River Mountains.

[The Wyoming Land Trust](#) and several partners are working with landowners to modify or construct more than 200 miles of fence.

The route covers 86,000 acres and was confirmed by the Sublette Mule Deer Study, a collaborative effort between oil-and-gas operators, federal and state wildlife agencies, and private organizations that started in the late 1990s in conjunction with proposed development on the Pinedale Anticline natural gas field.

The modified fencing will allow mule deer and other wildlife to pass safely through the fencing while alleviating the financial burden of new wires for ranchers and landowners, according to a media release from the Trust.

“The Corridor Conservation Campaign perfectly embodies the spirit of commonsense conservation – balancing the needs of landowners with the protection of wildlife,” said Executive Director Lara Ryan in the release. “This project provides workable fencing for landowners at no cost to them, while at the same time creating fences that are passable for mule deer and other large wildlife.”

In 2008, the Wyoming Land Trust launched the Corridor Conservation Campaign, which seeks to connect Wyoming’s working lands and critical wildlife habitats through conservation efforts. Through the initiative, Wyoming Land Trust and its partners plan to modify or reconstruct 500 miles of fencing in key western Wyoming wildlife migration routes. To date, a total of 104 miles of fencing has been retrofitted. The project is on target to be completed by 2013, the Trust says.

“During tough economic times, the Corridor Conservation Campaign has helped ranchers preserve capital and also has created jobs in Wyoming,” said Ryan.

Videos on the Wyoming Land Trust and one of the land trust's key wildlife corridor programs are available at [www.youtube.com/WYLandTrust](http://www.youtube.com/WYLandTrust). Additional information, including a special video on the Pronghorn fencing project, can also be found at <http://www.wyominglandtrust.org/services-CCC.shtml>.

