

Investigations Projects

MDEP Subcommittee:	Hunt Unit Group:	
Project Title:	Project Location:	
Brief Description of Project: <i>Include any development plans such as capturing, collaring, wildlife health analysis, etc. and include the schedule for obtaining any necessary permits, permission, funding, etc.:</i>		Score
Limiting Factor Score: <i>Use subcommittee cumulative score from Limiting Factor Score Form</i>	<i>Maximum of 5 points possible</i>	
Has this mule deer management area or hunt unit group been identified as a statewide priority for research or investigations?	<i>Yes = 10 pts</i> <i>No = 0 pts</i>	
Does this project directly address identifying factors limiting healthy mule deer populations? (10 points possible)	<i>Yes = 10 pts</i> <i>No = 0 pts</i>	
<i>How will project address limiting factors?</i>		
Does this project occur in a crucial or priority habitat for mule deer? (10 points possible) (Score using the highest ranking criteria)	<i>High priority (Critical Mule Deer Seasonal Range or Migration Route) = 10 points</i> <i>Moderate priority (High elev. summer range, PJ encroached shrub community, winter range) = 5 points</i> <i>Low priority (salt desert shrub or low density mule deer habitats) = 1 pt</i>	
<i>Provide added details:</i>		
Will the research or investigation improve knowledge of habitat and restoration of a long-term or permanent nature? Projects of this nature are known to have long-term benefits with demonstrated history of past successes.	<i>10+ years = 10 points</i> <i>3-10 years = 1 point</i>	
Is the sample size (# of marked animals) and project scale (distribution across an entire hunt unit or region) adequate to gain meaningful inference or statistical power for interpreting the relative impact of this investigation?	<i>High impact = 10 pts</i> <i>Moderate impact = 5 pts</i> <i>Low impact = 1 point</i>	
Does the project complement an adjacent project or study, previous project, or help inform future habitat projects?	<i>Yes= 5 points</i> <i>No = 0 pts</i>	
<i>Describe existing or past projects:</i>		
Needed permitting, authority, and mechanisms are completed or in process and does the project have a high probability of being completed on-time: -NEPA analysis for wilderness permits for capture work -Permission from private landowners or other government agencies (such as USFWS or D.O.D.) -Contract mechanisms to support the work are in place or not needed	<i>Timely completion (12 months) = 5 pts</i> <i>Extended completion (24 months) = 1 pts</i>	

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Project narrative: *Be specific to the research needs and issues associated with mule deer and/or habitat and your technical approach to addressing the issue. Identify potential benefits to mule deer and other wildlife. Describe if the project would be conducted on BLM, FS, USFWS, or private land and if any private landowner permissions are necessary. Please describe any NEPA permitting requirements (such as permission to capture animals in wilderness) if on public land and when NEPA completion is expected. Also provide a tentative project schedule of major tasks (ie collar orders, capture dates, data collection period, reporting dates, etc). Please list any collaborators or project funding partners.*