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Existing Condition Population Trend: Since the 1987 plan was signed, pronghorn population indicators have fluctuated since the late 1980s, with fawn:doe ratios showing greater fluctuation than number of pronghorn observed per hour (Coconino NF 2013). But within the range of fluctuations, the population trend appears to be relatively stable, with fawn:doe ratios increasing somewhat over approximately the last 10 years (Coconino NF 2013).

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Table 113. Summary of management indicator species habitat1 and population trends by alternative
All populations = stable

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Under implementation of alternative A, pronghorn population trend has improved from declining in 2002 (Coconino NF 2002) to stable in 2013 (Coconino NF 2013).

Comment:

DEIS vol 1 states in many places that the pronghorn population is stable. This is even with a pronghorn hunting season.

There seems to be two references to pronghorn population studies (Coconino NF 2002) and (Coconino NF 2013) but the references are not found in any of you DEIS documents. If the references are not available in you documentation, please remove the reference in the document. If you add the references, please supply me with a copy and give me an additional 30 days to make comments on the pronghorn population.