Estimating Pronghorn Abundance Using Aerial Line Transect Sampling

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This manual describes the current procedures used by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for estimating pronghorn (*Antilocapra americana*) population sizes using aerial line transect surveys. It contains a detailed description of the survey design, field methods and analysis. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department and the author, Rich Guenzel, have kindly arranged for it to be scanned and made available online in the hope that it will be of use to others planning or performing similar surveys.

The prefatory sections and Chapters 1-4 will probably be the most useful. Most of the appendices are out-of-date, as are the sections on the analysis of data in Distance. (The manual was written in the days of Distance 2.2.)

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