

De-fencing for Antelope



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The sun was beaming down on AWA staff and volunteers on Sunday, August 10 at the Onefour Research Station in southeastern Alberta. Alberta Fish and Game Association (AFGA) recruited several volunteers to remove approximately fourteen kilometres of six-strand barbed wire fence. The fences, put up for cattle breeding pastures, were right in the middle of prime pronghorn range and hindered their movement. The hope was that removing the fences would help increase the pronghorn antelopes' ease of movement and predator avoidance. Our job was to remove the staples from the posts and lay the barb wire on the ground for the power rollers to roll up. The job was completed by the end of the day thanks to the many hands of volunteers from all over south-

ern Alberta. AFGA could not have picked a better prairie day with endless blue skies

to help the pronghorn roam unimpeded in the area. 🌱



Antelope near Sage Creek PHOTO: © J. BARGMAN



White Bunchberry. PHOTO: © G. FOSTER



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