Background and Purpose of Study

The New Mexico Department of Transportation is funding a Wildlife Crossing Feasibility Study to develop ways of facilitating safe wildlife passage across Interstate Highway 40 (I-40). The purposes of this study are: to understand where wildlife moves through the project area, and to develop ways to facilitate wildlife movement while reducing the presence of wildlife on the roadway. Wildlife vehicle impacts result not only in the loss of wildlife but also in injury to vehicle occupants and property damage.

Study Process

This study involves gathering data regarding where wildlife occurs on I-40. One of the most important sources of data concerning wildlife crossing and collisions is the public, who live in the area and observe wildlife on a daily basis. This questionnaire was developed to provide for a public source of data concerning wildlife occurrence within the project area. The information provided will be included in the I-40 Wildlife Crossing Feasibility Study.

Questionnaire Instructions

Attached are photo maps that show the study area from milepost (MP) 167.7 to 169.5, and eastward at MP 173.8-187.2 at the Edgewood exit. Prominent landmarks are marked on the maps, as well as mileposts along I-40.

1. If you have observed wildlife crossing I-40, or involved in collisions during the past 5 years, mark the location directly onto the attached photo maps. Mark each location where you have observed a wildlife crossing or collision with a number beginning with ‘1’ on the photo map and describe your observation on the following page under “Observations” starting with the number 1, then proceed to your next observation.

2. On the following page there are lined and numbered spaces for recording observational data. Please provide information on: (1) wildlife species such as mule deer, bear, mountain lion, coyote, bobcat, or other large mammal; (2) date (approximate month or season and year) you observed the crossing or collision; and (3) comments as to whether the observation involved wildlife crossing I-40 or a collision on I-40.

3. If you have additional observations of wildlife than continue to mark them on the map (2, 3, 4 etc.) and record the data in the spaces provided on the following page. If you have more than 5 observations, please, attach hand written sheets.

4. Provide your name, address, and telephone number at the end of the questionnaire. We greatly appreciate you effort in this study and hope that it will result in not only the safe movement of wildlife through the area but also a safer driving environment for motorists. A pre-addressed envelope has been attached to return this questionnaire. Please Respond by March 15, 2007.
## OBSERVATIONS

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Name______________________________________________________________

Address____________________________________________________________

Phone Number________________________________________________________

Please mail the form (Attn: Marron and Associates, Inc., 7511 4th St. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107) or send an email to hparmeter@marroninc.com.
Approximately Milepost 178.2
Map 3. Milepost 178.25 Eastward to Approximately Milepost 181
Map 4. Milepost 180.9
Eastward to Approximately
Milepost 183.5
Map 5. Milepost 183.8
Eastward to the I-40 / Edgewood Exit at Approximately MP 186.5
Map 6. Western Project Segment Milepost 167.5 Eastward to Approximately MP 169.2 at the NM 333 / I-40 Interchange