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## Habitat Management Enhancement Activity – Fence (EHM05)

### **EHM05**

Modify fences that are functioning as barriers to wildlife movement.

### **Benefits**

This enhancement will provide general wildlife benefits by removing or modifying fences that act as barriers to wildlife movement.

### **Criteria for EHM05**

Minimum criteria for wildlife friendly fence and wire gates are:

- 1) Top wire no higher than 42”, must be barbless (smooth)
- 2) Bottom wire at least 16” high, must be barbless (smooth)
- 3) Minimum of 12” separation between top two wires
- 4) Materials must meet Colorado NRCS 382 Fence Specification
- 5) Woven wire fences are not eligible for this enhancement
- 6) Apply to fences or reaches of fence that are preventing wildlife passage

### **References**

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