

Quicksilver Air INC

Wildlife Capture Specialists



**Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep
Capture, 12,500 ft, California,
November 2009**

Wishing you all safe and happy holidays!

Our summer work in Alaska has now drawn to a close, while we begin our winter capture season from our Colorado base. Over the past couple of months we have been working mostly in the south throughout California, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona and Mexico working primarily with Desert Bighorn Sheep and Mule Deer as well as some earlier elk captures during September in Wyoming.



**Martin Franco & David
with a mule deer buck,
Sonora, November
2009**



**Coues Deer Translocation, Sonora,
November 2009**

“To date, Quicksilver has completed four elk capture operations for us....which altogether included approximately 110 elk captures via helicopter darting. These captures have been particularly challenging for several reasons. First, they are recaptures of previously-collared animals, requiring careful radio-tracking and pursuit of individuals that have been captured repeatedly with a helicopter. Second, these elk occupy difficult terrain – particularly the migratory animals, which at the time of the September captures remain on remote, high elevation summer range above 9000 feet...We have been extremely impressed and entirely satisfied with Quicksilver’s work, from start to finish, and from pilots to gunners to office staff, throughout this work.....Both pilots, Rick Swisher and Mark Shelton, bring positive attitudes, good humor, and a very high aptitude and tolerance for dealing with the complexity of the study area....We have always felt both Rick and Mark maintained the highest standards of both safety and efficiency, and we have enjoyed working with their good-spirited and highly skilled handling crew David Rivers and Jonathon Rowe, among others. We have also appreciated Quicksilver’s adaptability and attentiveness to our particular study objectives. Throughout each job they have strived to tailor their work to suit our needs.....In sum, we enthusiastically recommend the animal capture services of Quicksilver Air”.

Arthur Middleton, PhD Student & Matthew Kauffman, Assistant Unit Leader, Wildlife, Wyoming Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit, November 2009.



**Weighing Desert Bighorn Sheep
during translocation project, South-
West New Mexico, November 2009**

We would like to welcome net gunner, Jeremiah Vardiman to our capture team. Jeremiah has worked with us on several capture projects in the past, however since October he has been working with us full-time. Jeremiah is a wildlife biologist from Wyoming who joins our team with a varied animal handling and wildlife research background.



Collecting biological samples from bighorn sheep, Northern Nevada, November 2009

Quicksilver Air has always been very professional and easy to work with. They have been able to efficiently capture bighorn in a variety of herds and conditions. Given the hazardous nature of wildlife capture work, it is critical to work with a capture crew who makes it a priority to minimize risks. Quicksilver's concern for animal welfare and the safety of the crew, their desire to complete a capture to the specifications requested, and their overall integrity, leads me to highly recommend them for any wildlife capture job.

Elise Goldstein, Bighorn Sheep Biologist, New Mexico Department of Game & Fish



Coues deer buck caught for translocation to Northern Sonora to restore a historic population, November 2009



Desert Bighorn Sheep translocation, Southern Nevada, November 2009



David hobbling Coues deer, Sonora, November 2009



Processing Desert Bighorn Ram for translocation, South-West New Mexico, November 2009

Best Regards

Rick & Sharon Swisher

And all the Quicksilver Air team



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