

# Responding Quickly to Wildlife Pressure

## Key Points:

- ◇ A 3 dimensional effect for how wildlife perceive a fence can be created in a variety of ways with a variety of materials.
- ◇ Heights and widths are critical to achieve the desired effect.
- ◇ Monitoring & modifying are required for success.



Schneiders' quick response design to keep wildlife out of an area mid winter gets 3 star rating \*\*\* for ease of set up & low \$ cost.

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## Introduction

One of the challenges during all 3 wildlife projects over the last 6 years has been the unpredictability of wildlife pressure, both in when and where it occurs. Several land owners explored some alternative designs to be able to construct temporary fences quickly in response to wildlife pressure on feed, gardens, grazing or winter feeding areas.

The table below summarizes a few of these creative solutions and some key aspects associated with each. The second page illustrates some of these designs.



## Quick Response Temporary Fence Designs

Type of 3D Fence Design	Cooperators/ Land Owners	Height & Width	Ease of Setup	Relative Cost	Photos or More Info
Angled Arm with Steel Posts	Hogbergs	H: 72" - 78" W: 16" - 24" arm at 45 degrees	*	\$\$\$	Next Page
Angled Arm with Pigtail Posts	Schneiders	H: 75" W: 30" arm at 45 degrees	***	\$\$	This Page
Angled Arm with Wood or Willow	Ewerts	H: 84" W: 48" arm at 45 degrees	**	\$	Forage Fact # 52
2 Line Fence with Composite Posts	Wilson & Burton/Kabzems	H: 60" W: 36" between lines	*	\$\$\$	Forage Fact # 58 & # 55
2 Line Fence with Panels/ Tape & 2 Lines Panels	Burton/Kabzems & Murphys	H: 60" W: 36" between lines	**	\$ to \$\$\$	Next Page

Note: Range of ratings, \$ assumes materials on hand, \$\$\$ assumes panels & materials bought.

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## Angled Arm Design With Steel Posts



**Design:** Jim Stone **Cooperator:** Glenn Hogberg

**Goal:** to deter moose, deer & elk from stack yard.  
**Size of area:** 200' x 350', increased to 400' x 700'  
**Description:** angled arm fence design using 72 " metal posts with removable 45 degree arms 16" long; 3 ft rebar pounded into ground & inside of post set on top of them; extra bracing on inside & outside of corner posts; 3 hi tensile wire + 3 horse rope electrified (see photo above left).

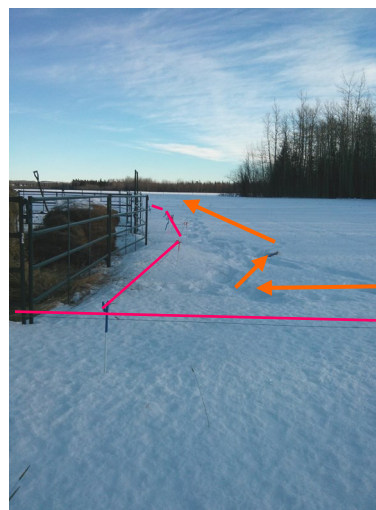
**Key considerations:** power hammer used to pound in rebar pegs into frozen, stoney or compacted ground (*center photo*). Notice the sagging horse rope when wet and bottom 2 wires buried beneath the snow (*right hand photo*).  
**Recommended modifications:** 1. Angle arm increased to 24" and another wire added just above angle. 2. Lower wires unhooked mid winter. 3. Flex in the system is important for training period.

## 2 Line Fence With Composite Posts



**Cooperators:** Wilson & Burton/ Kabzems  
**Size of area:** 15 to 150 ac pasture/ winter feeding area.  
**Goal:** keep wildlife out of winter feeding or swath grazing area.  
**Description:** inside line 60" high; outside fence 36" high; both with hi tensile wire.  
**Key considerations:** Mid winter used soil auger & power drill to install; added corner bracing next summer.

## 2 Line Fence With Panels & Pigtail Posts



Wildlife tracks diverted  
 Electric wire/ tape

**Cooperator:** Burton/ Kabzems  
**Size of area:** 120 x 200 ft hay yard & winter feeding area for horses.  
**Goal:** demo of a small scale system that can be set up in winter in response to wildlife pressure.  
**Description:** used panels for inside fence; used step in posts and electric tape for outside line.  
**Key considerations:** posts can be put in mid winter using a power drill; tightened tape when wet.

**6 Years of 3 D Fences:** For more info about over 15 types of temporary & permanent wildlife fences that have been tried in the Peace Region, please contact any of us through [coordinator@peaceforage.bc.ca](mailto:coordinator@peaceforage.bc.ca)

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