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RE: Habitat Partnership Program Annual Report

As required by statute, attached please find the FY 07 report for the Habitat Partnership Program (HPP). HPP is authorized by the State Legislature to “reduce wildlife conflicts, particularly those associated with forage and fence issues, and to assist the Division of Wildlife in meeting game management objectives through duties as deemed appropriate by the Director.” HPP is funded by 5% of big game (deer, elk, antelope, moose) license sales, which amounted to \$2,449,404 million dollars in FY 07.

In FY 07, 19 local HPP committees and the State Council, made up of more than 100 volunteer members representing agricultural producers, sportsmen, federal land managing agencies and the DOW met throughout the year to cooperatively discuss and resolve wildlife conflicts. HPP has strong support at the local level due to the makeup of the local committees and their authority to implement projects on the ground quickly. A key benefit of the HPP program is the strong communication and dialogue that takes place among all participants with different perspectives to identify and resolve local problems.

From the committee efforts, more than 300 projects were approved with more than 75% of them being done on private lands to resolve or reduce wildlife issues. A total of \$8.7 million actual dollars were spent, which includes more than \$2 million dollars of HPP funds. Project partners also contributed \$4.7 million dollars of in kind matching money and over 11,000 hours of labor for HPP projects.

Local HPP committees are involved in many diverse projects. Habitat improvement projects are a primary project for most committees. These projects are done for several reasons; to improve the overall condition of the land, provide more forage for both big game and livestock, to mitigate the conflicts between the two, prevent new invasions or treat existing areas of noxious weeds, improve winter range conditions for big game and improve existing or develop new water sources to encourage better distribution of livestock and big game.

Fence projects include both new fence construction and repair of existing fences. In many cases and in the partnership spirit of the program, materials are provided to landowners who then make the repairs themselves. Various fence styles and designs are being used by committees, ie. Laydown fences, high tensile, electric, 3 or 4 strand wire, designated crossing points, etc. These designs and the use of a white vinyl top wire to help big game see the top wire and cross over it are intended to reduce or eliminate damages caused to fences by big game.

HPP also serves to complement the Division's game damage program. Committees routinely provide or assist in repairing stackyards. Again, many times materials are provided (coming from the game damage program) while the landowner contributes the labor. Stackyards help ranchers keep their hay protected for use by livestock throughout the winter. Hunt coordinators are used by several committees to target problem animals by using public hunters and thereby reducing the DOW's overall financial liability.

Research and monitoring projects are underway in several committees. There are intended to provide better information for committees for habitat projects or for big game movements so as to better reduce the conflicts being caused. Monitoring efforts allow committees to know how successful their efforts have been.

Local committees also sponsor or participate in educational projects for landowners and the local community. Fencing brochures, conservation easement workshops, HPP booths at local fairs, and other publicity efforts designed to promote the program and stimulate ideas are undertaken.

HPP committees and the State Council also participate in conservation easements. The HPP program does not hold any easements but rather assists third party land trusts with transaction costs needed for successful acquisition of an easement when it fits the purposes of HPP.

Lastly, as with any program this varied, there is an administrative cost to managing it. These costs are in carrying out the implementation of committee plans, routine office supplies, per diem, State Council expenses and, for the first time in several years, an annual meeting was also held for all committees.

As you can see, the flexibility of the HPP program and the diverse challenges across the HPP committee area makes this program an active partner in many projects.

The figures used in this report are gathered from projects approved in FY07. If the project has been completed, actual costs and accomplishments figures are used. If the project is incomplete, original estimates provided at the time of approval are used. As approved projects are completed, it's likely that the final figures will change as accomplishments and costs are finalized.

There is much more detailed information available about the HPP program and projects undertaken by it. If you have any specific questions or would like to see additional information, please contact Pat Tucker, HPP Coordinator, at (970) 255-6188.



Habitat Partnership Program
Colorado Division of Wildlife
Project Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2007

HPP Program Totals

Cooperator Name	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	In-Kind Hrs
	\$566,811.23			
BLM	\$299,723.71	\$712,765.88	\$189,020.00	370
County Gov't	\$25,070.07	\$127,800.00	\$39,020.00	0
CSFS	\$6,919.66	\$6,250.00	\$0.00	200
DOW	\$91,124.33	\$64,655.00	\$20,580.00	520
GOCO	\$12,666.67	\$1,238,425.00	\$0.00	0
HPP Committee Members	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	3000
HPP State Council	\$1,666.67	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0
Local Govt	\$32,500.00	\$317,500.00	\$1,000.00	80
Local Land Trust	\$23,333.33	\$0.00	\$5,750.00	100
Local Metro Dist	\$678.57	\$17,000.00	\$0.00	0
Local Soil Cons. Dist	\$1,333.34	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	0
Local Weed Control Dist	\$1,334.00	\$12,500.00	\$5,000.00	0
MDF	\$2,400.06	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0
NPS	\$1,666.33	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	0
NRCS	\$48,268.82	\$396,997.00	\$0.00	0
NWTF	\$13,375.00	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	0
Other HPP Committee	\$8,517.54	\$2,520.00	\$3,480.00	0
Other Wildlife Group	\$28,541.67	\$334,825.00	\$0.00	0
Owl Mtn Partnership	\$4,108.67	\$6,557.19	\$0.00	0



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Project Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2007

Cooperator Name	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	In-Kind Hrs
Private Business/Org	\$44,225.33	\$120,260.00	\$5,140.00	100
Private Landowner	\$541,006.32	\$1,900,481.93	\$4,393,687.85	5965
Private Local Assoc.	\$107,375.56	\$276,516.00	\$0.00	350
RMEF	\$90,906.73	\$201,530.00	\$2,000.00	20
SLB	\$2,500.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	0
State Gov't	\$2,401.60	\$6,000.00	\$2,500.00	0
State Soil Cons Board	\$4,277.34	\$25,000.00	\$2,000.00	80
TNC	\$1,666.67	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0
UP Project	\$678.57	\$1,850.00	\$0.00	0
USDA	\$1,533.33	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0
USFS	\$208,553.11	\$685,675.00	\$38,000.00	420
USFWS	\$3,990.13	\$2,944.00	\$628.00	0
Totals	\$2,179,154.36	\$6,563,552.00	\$4,707,805.85	11205

This report uses actual project costs and accomplishments for completed projects and uses estimated costs and accomplishments for in-progress projects that were provided at initial project approval. Report numbers are subject to change as in-progress projects are completed.



Habitat Partnership Program

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Program Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2007

Units	Description	Accomplishments
Acres	of Habitat Improved	57668.24
Gallons	of Herbicide	144.97
Hazing	Projects	1.00
Hunt Coords	Hired	10.00
Miles	of New Fence Built	50.13
Panels	Provided	400.00
Plans	Written	2.00
Pounds	of Seed Purchased	12421.00
Projects	for Minor Fence Repair	213.00
Scare Devices	Provided	2.00
Stackyard Repair	Projects	8.00
Stackyards	Built	23.00
Tons	of Forage Purchased	367.93
Vinyl Rolls	Provided	20.00
Water Dev	Built and/or Maintained	72.00



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Program Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2007

Type	#Projects	Detail
Equipment	4	
Information/Education	11	
Research/Monitoring	10	
Archaeological Clearances	1	
Conservation Easement Transaction Costs	9	

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Habitat Partnership Program

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2007

Summary of Committee Finances

Committee	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	Total Expenses	Private Cost	Public Cost	In-Kind Hrs
Arkansas River	\$64,778.76	\$165,375.00	\$17,580.00	\$247,733.76	\$7,464.37	\$39,814.39	340
Grand Mesa	\$105,055.29	\$142,040.95	\$10,991.00	\$258,087.24	\$79,555.07	\$9,500.00	811
Gunnison Basin	\$167,582.97	\$292,068.00	\$54,200.00	\$513,850.97	\$6,578.00	\$156,918.97	250
Lower Colorado River	\$206,055.79	\$326,186.93	\$26,720.00	\$558,962.72	\$92,797.40	\$100,000.00	996
Middle Park	\$102,667.04	\$183,414.00	\$12,500.00	\$298,581.04	\$21,563.04	\$68,950.00	230
Montelores	\$68,076.39	\$51,673.69	\$3,619,360.00	\$3,739,110.08	\$25,962.50	\$0.00	636
Mount Blanca	\$123,456.04	\$320,000.00	\$230,000.00	\$673,456.04	\$74,679.69	\$20,618.17	250
North Fork Gunnison	\$90,554.95	\$1,000.00	\$6,900.00	\$98,454.95	\$71,650.23	\$16,680.00	770
North Park	\$43,405.22	\$29,257.19	\$0.00	\$72,662.41	\$19,276.22	\$4,000.00	180
Northern Larimer County	\$22,681.74	\$15,567.74	\$6,440.00	\$44,689.48	\$14,681.74	\$0.00	195
Northwest Colorado	\$201,143.56	\$340,804.28	\$4,335.00	\$546,282.84	\$121,793.56	\$40,000.00	950
Republican Rivers	\$41,713.14	\$88,000.00	\$437.85	\$130,150.99	\$39,276.65	\$0.00	170
San Juan Basin	\$64,391.67	\$313,900.00	\$4,600.00	\$382,891.67	\$27,191.67	\$37,200.00	2350
San Luis Valley	\$213,882.60	\$2,935,225.50	\$553,753.00	\$3,702,861.10	\$6,976.80	\$118,526.13	268
Sangre de Cristo	\$172,470.00	\$676,850.00	\$5,000.00	\$854,320.00	\$60,670.00	\$98,000.00	150
South Park	\$33,587.19	\$18,400.00	\$7,370.00	\$59,357.19	\$17,987.36	\$9,599.83	425
State Council	\$156,332.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$156,332.42			150
Uncompahgre	\$107,023.18	\$309,587.66	\$47,024.00	\$463,634.84	\$92,827.95	\$0.00	822
Upper Yampa River	\$76,075.87	\$137,265.00	\$12,320.00	\$225,660.87	\$26,811.86	\$23,800.00	202
Yampa / White River	\$118,220.54	\$216,936.06	\$88,275.00	\$423,431.60	\$61,875.74	\$49,235.30	1060
HPP Program Totals:	\$2,179,154.36	\$6,563,552.00	\$4,707,805.85	\$13,450,512.21	\$869,619.85	\$792,842.79	11205

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**Habitat Partnership Program
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HPP Program Costs and Hours by GBL 2007**

GBL	Total Cost	HPP Cost	Match \$	In-Kind \$	In-Kind Hrs
ADM	\$113,760.87	\$112,620.87	\$0.00	\$1,140.00	3000
EQP	\$35,093.13	\$32,035.94	\$3,057.19	\$0.00	50
FEN	\$373,348.53	\$208,721.42	\$128,878.11	\$35,749.00	1529
GDM	\$193,381.85	\$152,633.85	\$18,250.00	\$22,498.00	198
INF	\$73,127.73	\$54,759.73	\$17,618.00	\$750.00	100
MAN	\$4,756,692.43	\$1,314,279.88	\$3,204,698.70	\$237,713.85	5868
MTC	\$4,327.92	\$4,327.92			
OTH	\$7,690,060.00	\$143,590.00	\$3,148,095.00	\$4,398,375.00	100
RES	\$210,719.75	\$156,184.75	\$42,955.00	\$11,580.00	360
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HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

ADM – administrative projects, ie. committee administrative assistants, State Council and local committee meeting costs and supplies, etc.

EQP – equipment purchased by committees for project work. (Prior approval needed and there are limitations on use.)

FEN – fencing projects, ie. new construction, repairs (may be labor and/or materials) to existing fences in problem areas, etc.

GBL – grant budget ledger. For HPP projects, the 9 GBL's are used to categorize the type of project being done, ie. adm, eqp, fen, etc.

GDM – game damage projects, ie. new stackyard construction, repairs to existing stackyards (may be labor and/or materials), forage purchases, hunt coordinators

INF – information and education projects, ie. brochures, web sites, seminars, workshops, etc

MAN – habitat manipulation projects, ie. prescribed burns, brush/tree treatments, fertilization, reseeding, weed control, water developments, etc.

MTC – maintenance, ie. supplies and ongoing maintenance for HPP owned equipment.

OTH – conservation easement transaction costs and archeological clearances

RES – monitoring and research projects, ie. inventory, habitat, movement studies

Match \$ - actual dollars contributed by a cooperator to a project

In-Kind \$ - goods or services provided by a cooperator to a project that has a dollar amount calculated for it.

In-Kind Hours – time contributed by a cooperator to complete a project.

HPP Cost – actual HPP dollars approved by a committee for a project

Total Cost – sum of HPP cost, match \$ and in kind \$ contributed to a project

Private Cost – HPP dollars spent on private land projects

Public Cost – HPP dollars spent on public land projects

Cooperator Abbreviations

BLM – Bureau of Land Management
CSFS – Colorado State Forest Service
DOW – Division of Wildlife
GOCO – Great Outdoors Colorado
MDF – Mule Deer Foundation
NPS – National Park Service
NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
NWTF – National Wild Turkey Federation
RMEF – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
SLB – State Land Board
TNC – The Nature Conservancy
UP Project – Uncompahgre Plateau Project
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
USFS – United States Forest Service
USFWS – United States Fish and Wildlife Service