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TO: Colorado Wildlife Commission
Harris Sherman, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources
Members, Agriculture, Livestock, Natural Resources Committee, Colorado House of Representatives
Members, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy Committee, Colorado State Senate

FROM: Tom Remington, Director, Division of Wildlife

DATE: November 1, 2008

RE: FY 08 Habitat Partnership Program Annual Report

As required by statute, attached please find the FY 08 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 in HPP areas, which amounted to \$2,585,744 million dollars in FY 08.

In FY 08, 19 local HPP committees and the State Council, made up of more than 100 volunteer members representing agricultural producers, sportsmen, federal land management 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 ability 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.

A total of \$15.36 million dollars - \$2.13 million of HPP money leveraged with \$13.23 million of partner money - was spent on projects by the HPP program. In addition, nearly \$3.7 million dollars of in kind services was also provided by our partners and they also contributed nearly 19,000 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 and are intended to improve range and habitat conditions for the long term for both wildlife and livestock. Typical habitat improvement projects include weed control, prescribed burning, fertilization, seeding, water developments and shrub and tree cutting.

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, white vinyl top wire, etc are being used to repair the fence while reducing the yearly fence repair issues continually undertaken by ranchers.

HPP also serves to complement the Division's game damage program, primarily by providing or repairing permanent stack yards that protect a rancher's hay. Again, many times materials are provided by the game damage program while the landowner contributes the labor. In addition, hunt coordinators are used by several committees to access private property with hunters to target problem animals causing damages. This helps to gain additional harvest, disperse the offending animals and reduce the DOW's overall financial liability for game damage.

HPP committees are also involved in research and monitoring efforts, information and education projects and conservation easements. As with any program this varied, there are also administrative costs needed to support local committees and projects. 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 tailored to the local needs.

One area I would like to highlight is the involvement of HPP during the winter of 2007/2008. As you know, the Division was actively feeding big game in several areas due to extreme winter conditions. What may not be as well known is that HPP spent approximately \$150,000 in hay purchases for landowners that were experiencing conflicts with elk. These hay purchases were used to bait elk away from livestock operations, replace hay eaten by elk or to provide hay for elk to eat on private property when there were no other alternatives to move them. This was a vital part of the Division's overall winter efforts and HPP provided much needed assistance to landowners during this time and we addressed many issues by being able to respond quickly in this manner and also helped reduce our game damage liability.

I also wanted to make you aware of a project that HPP has begun working on in FY2009. Although we know that HPP partners are extremely satisfied and supportive of the program, a need was identified to better demonstrate the success of our projects. The State Council and the local committees are beginning work on project monitoring protocols that, over time, will evaluate the vegetative and wildlife responses to treatments and provide another measurement of project effectiveness. I hope to have more to report on this topic in the FY 09 HPP report.

Lastly, the figures used in this report are gathered from projects approved in FY08. 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.



Colorado Division of Wildlife
Habitat Partnership Program
Project Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2008

HPP Program Totals

Cooperator Name	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	In-Kind Hrs
	\$578,344.75	\$14,000.00	\$65,352.00	0
BLM	\$277,998.62	\$324,560.00	\$86,681.68	486
BLM Grazing Adv Board	\$24,995.37	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	0
College/Univ	\$1,249.10	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	100
County Gov't	\$18,378.05	\$2,100,629.05	\$8,500.00	125
CSFS	\$6,997.98	\$54,055.00	\$0.00	120
DOW	\$66,265.87	\$14,400.00	\$0.00	290
GOCO	\$20,679.33	\$5,924,885.00	\$0.00	0
HPP Committee Members	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	3117
Local Govt	\$6,898.74	\$15,810.00	\$20.00	100
Local Land Trust	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0
Local Metro Dist	\$999.64	\$19,600.00	\$0.00	0
Local Soil Cons. Dist	\$4,007.50	\$400.00	\$1,800.00	250
Local Weed Control Dist	\$2,250.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	0
MDF	\$21,982.83	\$15,800.00	\$0.00	0
NRCS	\$20,002.44	\$78,296.00	\$3,380.00	80
Other HPP Committee	\$22,835.00	\$113,170.00	\$10,000.00	70
Other Wildlife Group	\$29,412.00	\$179,000.00	\$1,500.00	40
Owl Mtn Partnership	\$5,585.83	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	80
Private Business/Org	\$32,711.75	\$481,538.00	\$1,200.00	340



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Habitat Partnership Program

Project Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2008

Cooperator Name	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	In-Kind Hrs
Private Landowner	\$810,968.94	\$841,751.11	\$3,464,204.91	13200
Private Local Assoc.	\$4,471.64	\$63,600.00	\$2,000.00	0
RMEF	\$41,003.68	\$125,700.00	\$0.00	0
SLB	\$2,504.04	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	0
State Gov't	\$11,999.60	\$35,983.00	\$2,500.00	0
State Soil Cons Board	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	0
USFS	\$81,371.68	\$707,928.00	\$41,800.00	425
USFWS	\$4,990.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
USGS	\$1,560.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100
Water Cons or Irrig Dist	\$19,544.33	\$2,022,700.00	\$0.00	0
Totals	\$2,126,383.74	\$13,233,805.16	\$3,695,938.59	18923

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Habitat Partnership Program

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Program Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2008

Units	Description	Accomplishments
Acres Burned	Habitat Improved	1535.00
Acres Fertilized	Habitat Improved	20935.60
Acres Irrigated	Habitat Improved	320.00
Acres Mech. or Hand -Treated	Habitat Improved	2613.00
Acres of Weed Control	Habitat Improved	13808.75
Acres Seeded / Planted	Habitat Improved	2789.30
Exclusionary Fence	Projects	1.00
Gallons	of Herbicide	90.67
Hazing	Projects	0.00
Hunt Coords	Hired	10.00
Liquid Fence	Projects	1.00
Miles of New Fence	of New Fence Built	15.30
Panels	Provided	600.00
Plans	Written	1.00
Pounds	of Seed Purchased	4946.96
Proj- repair,vouchers,etc	for Minor Fence Repair	438.00
Stackyard Repair	Projects	2.00
Stackyards	Built	4.00
Tons	of Forage Purchased	27395.09
Vinyl Rolls	Provided	31.00
Water Dev	Built and/or Maintained	84.00
Weed cont.,spot spray,etc.	Projects	1.00



Habitat Partnership Program
Colorado Division of Wildlife
Program Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2008

Type	#Projects	Detail
Equipment	1	
Information/Education	9	
Monitoring	14	
Other	1	Archeological Clearances
Other	5	Conservation Easements

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Colorado Division of Wildlife
Habitat Partnership Program
Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2008
Summary of Committee Finances

Committee	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	Total Expenses	Private Cost	Public Cost	In-Kind Hrs
Arkansas River	\$14,833.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,833.74	\$11,999.34	\$0.00	250
Grand Mesa	\$92,079.86	\$206,969.00	\$7,500.00	\$306,548.86	\$78,332.27	\$4,998.22	1638
Gunnison Basin	\$26,448.21	\$23,825.00	\$24,000.00	\$74,273.21	\$9,139.20	\$5,625.00	250
Lower Colorado River	\$194,511.89	\$3,349,423.50	\$95,080.00	\$3,639,015.39	\$41,960.69	\$135,399.00	998
Middle Park	\$86,806.52	\$256,880.00	\$28,300.00	\$371,986.52	\$22,874.23	\$60,751.55	345
Montelores	\$67,843.59	\$64,815.00	\$760,740.00	\$893,398.59	\$49,029.87	\$4,500.00	1758
Mount Blanca	\$290,182.71	\$140,501.00	\$28,610.00	\$459,293.71	\$163,638.63	\$116,378.00	516
North Fork Gunnison	\$91,553.27	\$28,810.00	\$12,770.00	\$133,133.27	\$75,708.91	\$8,124.19	766
North Park	\$71,338.04	\$77,312.00	\$63,352.00	\$212,002.04	\$7,277.89	\$39,170.00	230
Northern Larimer County	\$26,425.95	\$12,102.34	\$1,200.00	\$39,728.29	\$12,186.27	\$8,553.08	200
Northwest Colorado	\$146,396.50	\$279,189.00	\$9,747.00	\$435,332.50	\$128,657.56	\$9,952.50	2782
Republican Rivers	\$23,384.14	\$50,600.00	\$4,866.00	\$78,850.14	\$15,318.04	\$2,498.00	281
San Juan Basin	\$76,694.26	\$127,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$213,194.26	\$75,445.16	\$0.00	4390
San Luis Valley	\$154,389.99	\$7,550,224.00	\$2,511,500.00	\$10,216,113.99	\$0.00	\$87,400.00	333
Sangre de Cristo	\$43,458.82	\$75,556.05	\$900.00	\$119,914.87	\$37,795.66	\$0.00	300
South Park	\$46,966.46	\$51,750.00	\$3,120.00	\$101,836.46	\$20,989.03	\$21,133.97	792
State Council	\$333,948.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$333,948.25	\$139,392.75	\$0.00	150
Uncompahgre	\$152,609.40	\$721,959.28	\$49,171.00	\$923,739.68	\$96,555.57	\$45,546.78	1692
Upper Yampa River	\$58,635.47	\$24,105.00	\$32,282.59	\$115,023.06	\$45,042.07	\$8,501.20	390
Yampa / White River	\$127,876.67	\$192,283.99	\$52,800.00	\$372,960.66	\$66,536.46	\$44,990.74	782
HPP Program Totals:	\$2,126,383.74	\$13,233,805.16	\$3,694,938.59	\$19,055,127.49	\$1,097,879.60	\$603,522.23	18843

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**Colorado Division of Wildlife
Habitat Partnership Program**

HPP Program Costs and Hours by GBL 2008

GBL	Total Cost	HPP Cost	Match \$	In-Kind \$	In-Kind Hrs
ADM	\$125,154.79	\$123,954.79	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	3299
EQP	\$2,090.00	\$1,200.00	\$890.00	\$0.00	10
FEN	\$531,319.32	\$261,147.73	\$215,770.00	\$54,401.59	6557
GDM	\$320,896.26	\$271,644.26	\$32,352.00	\$16,900.00	1018
INF	\$16,830.97	\$6,130.97	\$5,600.00	\$5,100.00	120
MAN	\$3,835,775.09	\$1,167,836.93	\$2,314,601.16	\$353,337.00	7559
MTC	\$605.83	\$605.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
OTH	\$13,965,872.00	\$81,788.00	\$10,620,584.00	\$3,263,500.00	170
RES	\$256,583.23	\$212,075.23	\$44,008.00	\$500.00	110
Totals:	\$19,055,127.49	\$2,126,383.74	\$13,233,805.16	\$3,694,938.59	18843

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**Colorado Division of Wildlife
Habitat Partnership Program**

HPP Program Costs and Hours by GBL 2008

GBL	Description
ADM	Administrative
EQP	Equipment
FEN	Fencing
GDM	Game Damage
INF	Information/Education
MAN	Habitat Manipulation
MTC	Maintenance
OTH	Other
RES	Monitoring & Research



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