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**TO:** Colorado Wildlife Commission  
James B. Martin, Executive Director, Colorado 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:** Thomas E. Remington, Director, Colorado Division of Wildlife

**DATE:** December 1, 2009

**RE: FY 09 Habitat Partnership Program Annual Report**

As required by statute, attached please find the FY 09 report for the Habitat Partnership Program (HPP). HPP is authorized by the State Legislature and the Colorado Wildlife Commission 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 revenues in HPP areas, which amounted to \$2,598,144 in FY 09.

In FY 09, 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 conflicts between big game wildlife and agricultural operators. HPP has strong support at the local level due to the makeup of the local committees and their ability with dedicated funding to implement projects on the ground quickly. Two key benefits of the HPP program are the strong communication and dialogue that takes place among all participants with different perspectives and the subsequent partnerships that are developed to identify and resolve local problems.

Although HPP was impacted by the October 1, 2008 “hiring freeze” which prohibited personal services contracts for more than \$5,000 for projects, we obtained an exemption in early February 2009 to this restriction. Even with our work limited for 4 months, HPP was still able to accomplish projects that met the objectives of the program. In doing so, \$2.04 million of HPP money was leveraged with nearly \$9.2 million of partner money, more than \$5 million dollars of in kind services were provided and nearly 30,000 hours of labor were contributed by HPP partners in this effort.

Local HPP committees are involved in many diverse projects. Three main project types include habitat improvements, fencing and game damage prevention initiatives. Habitat improvement projects are a priority 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, i.e., lay-down 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.

Local HPP committees may also provide stack yards to protect a rancher's hay. Normally, materials are provided by the DOW's game damage program while the landowner contributes the labor to build them. In addition, hunt coordinators are used by several committees, primarily to access private property with hunters to target problem animals causing damages but also to gain additional harvest where populations are above objective. These efforts help reduce the Division's game damage liability, resolve conflicts and contribute towards harvest objectives.

In FY 09, over 90% of the more than 650 projects done by local committees were done on private lands and over 50% of HPP funds were spent on these projects. Twenty-five percent of HPP funds were spent on public land projects and the remaining HPP funds were spent on general or administrative projects.

The figures used in this report are gathered from projects approved in FY 09. If the project has been completed, actual costs and accomplishment 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.

As you can see, the diverse challenges across the HPP committee area and the flexibility of the HPP program to deal with these challenges makes this program an active partner in many projects tailored to local needs.

There is much more detailed information available about the HPP program and projects undertaken by the local committees. 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 2009**

**HPP Program Totals**

<b>Cooperator Name</b>	<b>HPP Cost</b>	<b>Match Amt</b>	<b>In-Kind Amt</b>	<b>In-Kind Hrs</b>
	\$507,362.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
BLM	\$106,715.19	\$325,040.00	\$66,659.00	1208
BLM Grazing Adv Board	\$810.27	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	0
County Gov't	\$42,650.59	\$2,154,205.50	\$48,500.00	1612
CSFS	\$6,346.46	\$22,920.00	\$0.00	0
DOW	\$40,084.05	\$50,918.07	\$14,780.00	401
GOCO	\$18,416.67	\$2,416,000.00	\$0.00	0
HPP Committee Members	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	3125
HPP State Council	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	150
Local Land Trust	\$2,250.00	\$477.00	\$2,092.00	0
Local Metro Dist	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	160
Local Soil Cons. Dist	\$5,447.29	\$15,815.00	\$4,000.00	200
Local Weed Control Dist	\$7,007.00	\$12,005.00	\$8,005.00	100
MDF	\$45,401.01	\$55,000.00	\$5,000.00	0
NRCS	\$34,404.79	\$413,982.00	\$0.00	0
NWTF	\$3,325.78	\$11,500.00	\$0.00	30
Other HPP Committee	\$9,450.08	\$17,933.50	\$0.00	0
Other Wildlife Group	\$89,898.51	\$897,870.00	\$18,000.00	50
Owl Mtn Partnership	\$12,598.42	\$54,772.40	\$0.00	7
Private Business/Org	\$38,815.28	\$742,240.24	\$1,264.56	60



## Colorado Division of Wildlife

### Habitat Partnership Program

#### Project Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2009

Cooperator Name	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	In-Kind Hrs
Private Landowner	\$780,295.71	\$1,038,517.43	\$4,651,453.07	18167
Private Local Assoc.	\$8,351.00	\$5,999.00	\$8,001.00	80
RMEF	\$19,338.30	\$83,700.00	\$0.00	0
SLB	\$12,023.85	\$45,000.00	\$500.00	50
State Gov't	\$5,930.44	\$52,500.00	\$1,000.00	10
TNC	\$6,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	0
UP Project	\$6,559.56	\$7,050.00	\$2,000.00	0
USFS	\$210,490.39	\$455,100.23	\$210,430.00	1128
USFWS	\$8,246.25	\$2,500.00	\$7,500.00	0
USGS	\$1,036.89	\$0.00	\$0.00	2000
Water Cons or Irrig Dist	\$1,250.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,034,306.06</b>	<b>\$9,176,045.37</b>	<b>\$5,052,184.63</b>	<b>28538</b>

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# Habitat Partnership Program

## Colorado Division of Wildlife

### Program Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2009

Units	Description	Accomplishments
Acres Burned	Habitat Improved	938.67
Acres Fertilized	Habitat Improved	7473.40
Acres Irrigated	Habitat Improved	320.00
Acres Mech. or Hand -Treated	Habitat Improved	3457.70
Acres of Weed Control	Habitat Improved	10998.69
Acres Seeded / Planted	Habitat Improved	2693.38
Cattle/Wildlife Exclosures	Built	1.00
Exclusionary Fence	Projects	1.00
Hazing	Projects	1.00
Hunt Coords	Hired	9.00
Miles of New Fence	of New Fence Built	30.80
Plans	Written	7.00
Proj- repair,vouchers,etc	for Minor Fence Repair	550.00
Seeding/Planting	Projects	1.00
Stackyard Repair	Projects	3.00
Stackyards	Materials Provided	21.00
Tons	of Forage Purchased	315.60
Vinyl Rolls	Provided	56.00
Water Dev	Built and/or Maintained	87.00
Weed cont.,spot spray,etc.	Projects	52.00



**Habitat Partnership Program**  
**Colorado Division of Wildlife**  
**Program Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2009**

Type	#Projects	Detail
Equipment	3	
Information/Education	3	
Monitoring/Research	12	
Other	3	Archeological Clearances
Other	6	Conservation Easements

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**Colorado Division of Wildlife**  
**Habitat Partnership Program**  
**Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2009**  
**Summary of Committee Finances**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>HPP Cost</b>	<b>Match Amt</b>	<b>In-Kind Amt</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>Private Cost</b>	<b>Public Cost</b>	<b>In-Kind Hrs</b>
Arkansas River	\$43,145.83	\$97,270.00	\$103,580.00	\$243,995.83	\$16,117.34	\$14,213.58	965
Grand Mesa	\$100,028.21	\$197,066.40	\$42,900.00	\$339,994.61	\$89,861.82	\$686.00	3008
Gunnison Basin	\$50,139.15	\$28,073.00	\$46,325.00	\$124,537.15	\$9,114.48	\$21,786.54	883
Lower Colorado River	\$207,474.93	\$3,311,224.98	\$79,130.00	\$3,597,829.91	\$67,957.83	\$103,999.00	2525
Middle Park	\$85,238.53	\$317,500.00	\$25,850.00	\$428,588.53	\$38,963.03	\$26,198.40	314
Montelores	\$110,708.92	\$77,285.23	\$224,706.56	\$417,800.71	\$69,080.71	\$6,250.00	1954
Mount Blanca	\$173,853.81	\$58,000.00	\$353,928.00	\$585,781.81	\$147,951.08	\$4,999.00	185
North Fork Gunnison	\$103,996.20	\$48,500.00	\$15,425.00	\$167,921.20	\$88,846.12	\$11,219.20	2737
North Park	\$55,255.66	\$65,955.40	\$17,600.00	\$138,811.06	\$26,566.49	\$18,400.00	295
Northern Larimer County	\$31,087.75	\$26,104.50	\$0.00	\$57,192.25	\$4,284.88	\$23,534.50	220
Northwest Colorado	\$147,040.46	\$386,181.00	\$224,035.00	\$757,256.46	\$119,736.95	\$17,970.03	4227
Republican Rivers	\$14,231.25	\$22,181.00	\$3,841.07	\$40,253.32	\$9,589.50	\$0.00	205
San Juan Basin	\$83,657.28	\$180,605.00	\$15,000.00	\$279,262.28	\$68,657.28	\$15,000.00	2325
San Luis Valley	\$84,115.21	\$3,128,850.00	\$3,652,000.00	\$6,886,965.21	\$0.00	\$25,600.00	330
Sangre de Cristo	\$66,504.42	\$116,607.00	\$10,005.00	\$193,116.42	\$28,082.00	\$21,563.60	223
South Park	\$70,315.90	\$53,617.50	\$1,200.00	\$125,133.40	\$23,386.40	\$39,574.74	718
State Council	\$251,554.39	\$180,000.00	\$63,730.00	\$495,284.39	\$6,600.00	\$100,000.00	150
Uncompahgre	\$154,698.48	\$723,474.86	\$147,890.00	\$1,026,063.34	\$107,504.33	\$36,553.83	5685
Upper Yampa River	\$57,635.00	\$52,913.07	\$21,879.00	\$132,427.07	\$47,395.11	\$3,999.00	1057
Yampa / White River	\$143,624.68	\$104,636.43	\$3,160.00	\$251,421.11	\$64,171.15	\$72,350.00	532
<b>HPP Program Totals:</b>	<b>\$2,034,306.06</b>	<b>\$9,176,045.37</b>	<b>\$5,052,184.63</b>	<b>\$16,289,636.06</b>	<b>\$1,033,866.50</b>	<b>\$563,897.42</b>	<b>28538</b>

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Habitat Partnership Program**

**HPP Program Costs and Hours by GBL - FY 2009**

<b>GBL</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>HPP Cost</b>	<b>Match \$</b>	<b>In-Kind \$</b>	<b>In-Kind Hrs</b>
ADM	\$149,220.30	\$144,657.50	\$3,298.24	\$1,264.56	3335
EQP	\$13,718.09	\$13,718.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
FEN	\$682,438.14	\$315,719.96	\$274,190.18	\$92,528.00	8288
GDM	\$163,745.11	\$136,571.11	\$13,118.00	\$14,056.00	1545
INF	\$27,670.31	\$27,670.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
MAN	\$4,545,243.15	\$1,145,469.13	\$2,662,318.95	\$732,355.07	12823
MTC	\$5,733.05	\$2,711.05	\$3,022.00	\$0.00	80
OTH	\$10,505,891.39	\$115,876.39	\$6,197,923.00	\$4,192,092.00	112
RES	\$195,976.52	\$131,912.52	\$22,175.00	\$19,889.00	2355
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$16,289,636.06</b>	<b>\$2,034,306.06</b>	<b>\$9,176,045.37</b>	<b>\$5,052,184.63</b>	<b>28538</b>

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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