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TO: Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission

FROM: Pat Tucker, Habitat Partnership Program

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RE: Request for Approval - HPP Distribution Management Plans

The Habitat Partnership Program is implemented by local committees operating under the authority of Distribution Management Plans. These Commission approved plans provide the authority for the committees to solicit, review and approve project proposals, expend state funds to implement the proposals and monitor them upon completion.

HPP committee plans are valid for ten years and the plans on the consent agenda for approval (San Luis Valley, Republican Rivers, Northwest Colorado, White River) are expiring in the near future. These draft plans were developed by the local committees at publicly noticed meetings over the past several months. On September 23, 2019, the HPP State Council reviewed and approved these plans and, as provided for in 33-1-110 (7 c III) CRS, is forwarding them to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

In updating the committee plans, much of the program information was standardized while retaining and allowing for local committee perspectives on how best to implement the program locally. These plans serve as a broad, high level guidance document while providing committees the flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances, situations and requests while still staying within statutory and program guidelines. An amendment page is included in each plan to make it easier for the Commission to see the changes made from the current plan to the revised plan.

In 2018, the Commission approved placing HPP plans on the consent agenda; hence this request. In the spring of 2020, HPP will be presenting additional committee plans for your approval.

Thank you for your consideration.

