



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

North Fork HPP Committee

Phone Conference

August 17th, 2017

7:00 p.m.

North Fork HPP Members Present: Ken Holsinger, BLM; Cody Purcell, CPW; Steve Kossler, Livestock Grower; Jess Campbell, Livestock Grower; Ross Allen, Livestock Grower

1. Committee members introduced themselves.
2. Kevin Blecha had previously presented an elk research proposal in the Gunnison Basin and North Fork Valley. The objectives of the study are to understand elk habitat use with relation to conflict features; apply findings to DAU plans for better management/harvest; and develop habitat use maps for the region. The total funding request is \$59,000, which was anticipated to be shared between the Gunnison and North Fork committees. The Gunnison Committee approved up to \$49,000 for the project, pending the amount of the contribution from the North Fork committee. The North Fork committee felt that the research proposal would have important ramifications for HPP's decision-making processes, however there is a smaller percentage of collars being placed in the North Fork Valley. The committee approved \$14,000 for the project.

Next Meeting: TBD