



## **HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**

**July 26th, 2017**

**CPW Pueblo Hunter Education Building**

Committee Members present:

- Mike Trujillo, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
- Paul Crespín, USFS
- Terry Everhart, Livestock Grower
- Dave Gilbert, BLM
- Kenn Lutz, Livestock Grower
- Arlie Riggs, Livestock Grower
- Dwaine Robey, Sportsman
- John Stroh II, Livestock Grower

Administrative Assistant:

- Hanna Cook

Guests: Mike Brown (CPW-DWM), Allen Vitt (CPW Biologist)

**Meeting called to order by John Stroh at 10:34 AM**

### **Introductions**

### **General Public Comments**

None.

### **Budget Report**

The 2018 budget report was reviewed.

### **Old Business**

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

### **New Business**

#### **Project Application Proposals and Reviews**

##### Blackhawk State Trust Land Habitat Project-Mike Brown

Mike is asking for \$10,000 for a habitat treatment on the Blackhawk State Trust Land. Encroaching piñon juniper trees will be thinned to increase the quantity and quality of forage for wildlife. This should help draw big game to public lands and reduce damage to private lands. Approximately 300 acres will be treated if additional funding is secured. The State Land Board will contribute \$25,000 for the project, and Mike is applying for additional grants from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Mule Deer Foundation. Originally Mike was requesting \$10,000 and planned to go to the HPP state council for additional funds. The committee

suggested funding \$15,000 of the project, which should allow for a substantial amount of work to get done without a request from the HPP state council. The project will likely begin in the spring of 2018.

**The committee voted to approve the project for \$15,000.**

#### Shultz Canyon State Trust Land Habitat Project-Mike Brown

Mike is asking for \$10,000 for a habitat treatment on the Shultz Canyon State Trust Land. Encroaching pinion juniper trees will be thinned to increase the quantity and quality of forage for wildlife. This should help draw big game to public lands and reduce damage to private lands. The State Land Board will contribute \$25,000 for the project, and Mike is applying for additional grants from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Mule Deer Foundation. Originally Mike was requesting \$10,000 and planned to go to the HPP state council for additional funds. The committee suggested funding \$15,000 of the project, which should allow for a substantial amount of work to get done without a request from the HPP state council. The project will likely begin in the spring of 2018.

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#### **Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion**

CPW will be updating DAU plans for elk and deer statewide this year. CPW biologists will be presenting updated DAU plans to the committee at a future meeting to gauge the committee's support for the plan and take any comments, concerns, or changes from the committee into consideration. Allen Vitt told the committee that the updated plans will likely be very similar to current plans. CPW will be holding public meetings and sending surveys to the public in the next few months. Once a draft plan has been written it will be distributed to the committee members for review. The committee will then be able to write a letter of support as they see fit.

Allen Vitt updated the committee on current efforts to collar and track deer, elk, and mountain lions in order to determine migration or movement patterns as well as birth rates of deer and elk. So far operations have been going well and they have been able to collect a good amount of data to use for future management plans.

Hanna notified the committee that they now have only a small amount left in the budget, but committee members should not discourage landowners from coming to meetings to present good HPP projects. The option to go to HPP state council for special projects funding is still available.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM**

**The next meeting will be held on: October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at the Bosque del Oso SWA.**

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