



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

### North Fork HPP Committee

Maloney House, Delta County Fairgrounds

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

6:00 p.m.

**North Fork HPP Members Present:** Ken Holsinger, BLM; Cody Purcell, CPW; Steve Kossler, Livestock Grower; Dennis Garrison, USFS; Ross Allen, Livestock Grower

**Guests:** Stuart Sinclair, CPW; Andrew Taylor, CPW; Kevin Blecha, CPW, Evan Phillips, CPW

**Introduction:** Committee members were introduced. The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$23,722.78.

#### **Old Business:**

1. Marcella Fremgen gave an update on a previously-discussed fence project for Brad Nelson. The project was tabled at the last meeting to determine whether the landowner allowed hunting access, and Marcella informed the committee that some hunting did take place on the property. The project as approved for \$3,780.00 for materials from Game Damage.

#### **New Business:**

2. Kevin Blecha presented the updated Elk DAU plan for E05. The plan combines two separate DAUs for better management across the entire area. The committee supported the proposed 17% population increase with a gradual approach; the disproportional license allocation across GMUs to better manage conflicts and harvest; and the "status quo" sex ratio of 23-28 bulls per 100 cows. A comment letter will be drafted for the committee to review prior to November 27<sup>th</sup>.
3. Evan Phillips presented the updated Deer DAU plans for D20 and D51. For D51, the committee supported a slight population increase to achieve a post-hunt population of 8,000 – 10,000 deer, and the status quo sex ratio of 25-30 bucks per 100 does. For D20, the

committee supported a slight population increase to achieve a post-hunt population of 7,500 – 9,500 deer, and the increased sex ratio of 33-38 bucks per 100 does. Comment letters will be drafted for the committee to review prior to November 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Business:**

1. The Statewide HPP meeting will be held on December 5-7 in Grand Junction. Committees may invite two individuals to attend at HPP's expense.
2. Nominations for the Gerrans Award are being accepted.

**Next Meeting: TBD**