



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee

Phone Conference

November 27th, 2017

7:00 p.m.

San Juan Basin HPP Members Present: Anthony Garcia, USFS; Aran Johnson, Southern Ute Tribe; Mike Schmidt, BLM; Sandy Young, Livestock Grower; Dan Huntington, Livestock Grower; Adrian Archuleta, CPW; Phil Craig, Livestock Grower; George Malarsie, Livestock Grower; John Gardner, Sportsman

Guests: David Cundiff

Introductions, Budget, & Old Business:

The remaining budget at the beginning of the meeting was \$87,215.00.

New Business:

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

1. David Cundiff presented a fencing project for Serenity Ranch, which is located on Yellow Jacket in the main migration route for elk. Fences are difficult to maintain due to large numbers of elk coming through. The landowners have already added elk crossings and performed some repair, including 1500-feet of new construction through oak brush. The landowners also cleared 3.5 miles of fence line earlier this fall with rented equipment. The project involves continuing to repair sections of fence, and constructing new fencing as necessary for a total of 4,200 feet. The new fence will be wildlife-firendly to HPP specs, and will be constructed with pipe posts for longevity. New crossings will be incorporated with slide-out pipes to create total pass-through openings, with approximately 20-ft wide gaps. The project was approved for \$10,069.04, with the landowners contributing a full cash match. Additionally, the landowner will put out CPW-provided game cameras to monitor how the elk use the crossings during migration.

2. The Statewide HPP meeting will be held in Grand Junction on December 5th – 7th. Each committee may invite two individuals to attend at HPP's expense. The committee extended invitations to Ron Black and Chris Schultz, with Bob Watson as a backup invitee in case Ron or Chris cannot attend.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting TBD.