



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
South Park Committee
September 28th, 2017
Fairplay Fair Barn

Committee members present:

- John Woodward, Livestock grower (via phone)
- Tyler Stoltzfus, CPW
- Webb Smith, Livestock grower
- Randy Tingle, Sports person
- Christine Cloninger, BLM
- Steve Allard, Livestock grower
- Sheila Lamb, USFS

Administrator: Hanna Cook, Administrative Assistant

Guests: Jamin Grigg (CPW-Biologist), Kirk Weaver (Landowner), Daniele Garner (Landowner), Mark Lamb (CPW-AWM), Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator), Ian Petkash (CPW-DWM), Karl Copeman (CPW-Wildlife Tech), Kristen Meyer (USFS), Scott Murdoch (CPW-DWM)

Meeting called to order by John Woodward at 10:01 AM

General Public Comments
None

Budget Report

Budget Report was reviewed

Old Business

The South Park HPP committee stockpile is running low on high visibility white vinyl wire. Tyler Stoltzfus and Karl Copeman will place an order to replenish the stockpile.

The committee approved a fencing project for Dennis Springer at a previous meeting with the contingency that a well must be drilled before the landowner can be reimbursed for fencing materials. The committee is currently unsure if Dennis Springer will be completing the project or not. If the landowner is unable to complete the project then the funds allocated to this project will be put back into the overall committee budget.

The committee's spinning Jennies are currently checked out by Daniele Garner and John Woodward.

Hanna will be starting on a new mapping project. She will create a map of HPP projects, but in order to do that she will need UTM locations for projects. Hanna will be requesting UTM locations from past projects, and all future applications will require UTM locations instead of township, range, and section. ArcMap or ArcGIS shape files are also acceptable.

New Business

DAU Plan Rewrite for E22 and D16

Jamin Grigg is working on a DAU plan rewrite for E22 and D16. DAU plans set population and sex ratio objectives for deer and elk. These plans will mostly affect the Arkansas River HPP committee, but will have some effect the South Park HPP committee. Jamin believes that the objectives in the new plan will likely be very similar to current population objectives. Public meetings have been held and surveys have been sent out to gauge public support for the plan. Overall the response has been positive. Draft plans will be sent to committee members for review. The committee will be asked to review the plan and write a comment letter before the draft plans go to the commission for approval.

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

James Mark Jones SWA Log Skidding

Karl Copeman is requesting \$8,500 to hire a contractor to skid logs at the James Mark Jones SWA habitat treatment site. Felled conifers can inhibit forage production, so removing the logs will help increase forage quantity and quality. Area one will contribute \$5,000 for additional treatment. **The project was approved for \$8,500.**

Sugarloaf/Topaz Mountain Big Game Winter Range Improvement Project

Ian Petkash, Karl Copeman, and Kristen Meyer are requesting \$10,000 for a contractor to complete mechanical treatment as part of a habitat project on USFS property. This is a cooperative project between USFS, CPW Area One, and HPP to create more favorable habitat for wildlife on public lands and reduce conflicts on private land. USFS will contribute in-kind funds for the implementation of the slash burn, planning, and oversight. Area One CPW personnel will contribute in kind funds for felling, limbing, and slash pile construction. **The project was approved for \$10,000.**

Kenosha Pass Gates for Road Closures

Kristen Meyer is requesting \$10,000 to purchase four heavy duty gates that will be used to close roads to motorized vehicles in the Kenosha Pass area from January 1st-May 15th each year. Seasonal road closures will help ensure security of big game on critical winter range during winter months. This should help encourage big game to stay on public lands longer instead of moving to private land. As a portion of the matching funds, USFS employees will construct and connect fence to the gates as needed. **The project was approved for \$10,000.**

Gold Ranch Water Development

The landowner is requesting \$4,055 for a solar pump and one tire tank to install on an existing well. The landowner has already drilled the well and needs a solar pump to ensure reliable water distribution. The tire tank will be installed on the fence line between private land (Gold Ranch) and USFS land. This will ensure that wildlife does

not need to cross the fence to access water. The landowner will install panels and the tire tank, and will pay for a contractor to install the pump and complete excavation for the tire tank. **The project was approved for \$4,055.**

Gold Ranch Fencing

The landowner is requesting \$4,035 for materials to rebuild approximately one mile of wildlife friendly fence between Gold Ranch and USFS property. The original fence has been damaged by wildlife and is no longer functional. The fence will be built around a tire tank that will be installed, which will allow wildlife to access water from the USFS side without needing to cross a fence. The committee offered to provide white vinyl wire from the SPHPP committee stockpile, so that cost can be deducted from the overall amount. The landowner will build the fence according to committee specifications (white wire on top, two rows barbed, smooth on bottom). **The project was approved for \$3,110 plus 5 rolls of white vinyl wire from the committee stockpile.**

Lodi Ranch Fencing

The landowner is requesting \$2,066 for materials to rebuild approximately one mile of wildlife friendly fence on private land. The original fence has been damaged by wildlife and is no longer functional. The committee offered to provide white vinyl wire from the SPHPP committee stockpile, so that cost can be deducted from the overall amount. **The project was approved for \$1,326 plus 4 rolls of white vinyl wire from the committee stockpile.**

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

A conference call will be scheduled in October to discuss a comment letter for the draft DAU plans.

The committee discussed additional funding with Pat Tucker. The HPP State Council has given Pat Tucker the ability to give committees additional money (up to \$20,000) for projects that they are unable to fund. If the committee allocates all of its funds for the year, they can request additional funding to cover approved projects. Larger projects (i.e. \$20,000 or more) should be presented to the local committee, and if the committee does not have enough in their budget to cover the whole project then the project should be presented to the HPP State Council for funding. Any project put forward to the State Council needs prior discussion and support from the local committee.

The HPP annual meeting will be held on December 5th, 6th, and 7th in Grand Junction.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 AM

The next meeting will be held on January 11th at 10:00 AM at the Fairplay Community Center.

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