



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee

San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Ct., Durango

January 18th, 2018

6:00 p.m.

San Juan Basin HPP Members Present: Anthony Garcia, USFS; Mike Schmidt, BLM; Sandy Young, Livestock Grower; Dan Huntington, Livestock Grower; Adrian Archuleta, CPW; John Gardener, Sportsman; Phil Craig, Livestock Grower

Guests: Chris Schultz, USFS

Introduction: Committee members and guests were introduced, and current project updates were reviewed. The remaining budget at the beginning of the meeting was \$77,145.00.

New Business:

1. Mike Schmidt informed the committee that the BLM is currently working on identifying and replacing old water guzzlers that are in disrepair and no longer function properly. Some of the proposed sites are near historic habitat improvement projects, and many nearby have agricultural operations that are impacted by deer and elk. Improving water storage and availability at these sites should help reduce conflicts on private lands, and will complement previous habitat work and enable big game to utilize the treated areas more frequently. The committee offered input and suggestions for guzzler sites.
2. The committee reviewed the Habitat Management Plan and worked on the draft revision. Key topics for updates included identifying future challenges, including recreation, sage grouse issues, residential development, and drought events; expanding stated conflict areas to include the entire committee service area; revising and expanding project types and priorities; updating population and DAU information; and updating the budget section. Katie Richman will continue to update the plan according to the committee's revisions, and will

present the updated draft at the next meeting.

3. The committee would like to place an order with Kencove to replenish the inventory of pony rail. Quotes will be obtained for review at the next meeting.

Other Business:

1. The committee discussed the recent USFS Hermosa plan.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting February 28th, 2018