



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

South Park Committee

July 25th, 2018

Fairplay Fair Barn

Committee members present:

- John Woodward, Livestock grower**
- 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: Michele Allard (Landowner)

Meeting called to order by John Woodward at 10:06 AM

Budget Report

The budget report was reviewed

New Business

E18 Herd Management Plan

The proposed DAU Plan alternative for E18 is alternative 2, which will increase the elk population objective by 10%. There have been minimal complaints about elk herds from landowners, and CPW feels that an increase can be tolerated. The committee agrees with this, and they understand that in order to increase the population objective CPW will need to decrease hunting licenses for this unit for a couple of years. The preferred alternative for the bull-cow ratio is alternative 2, which will maintain the current bull-cow ratio. The DAU plan is valid for ten years from the approval date, but can be changed sooner if the need arises.

The committee noticed some discrepancies in the plan regarding public land grazing allotments. Sheila will work with Shannon to update that information.

The committee voted to write a comment letter that will be included with the plan for the commission's review. The letter will express support for CPWs proposed alternatives for E18. The letter needs to be signed by John, and will be sent to Shannon by the end of the week.

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Platte Spring Water Development

Steve is asking HPP for reimbursement of \$1,000 to rent equipment needed to set a new tire tank. The tank will be fed by an existing spring and will provide more water for wildlife and livestock. This will improve grazing management. USFS will provide the tire tank and materials, and the permittee will install the pipeline and tank. **The project was approved for \$1,000.**

O'Brien Water Development

Webb is asking HPP for \$5,000 for the purchase of pipe and connectors needed to bring water from a well to a new tire tank that will service two pastures within the Bader West allotment. The well is on private land, but it is productive enough that it can service another tank. There is limited water on both pastures, so grazing has been restricted to areas with water. Webb has been working with the landowners who own the well, and they have given permission to use the well to provide water to the grazing allotment. Webb will need approximately 4,500 ft of pipe. USFS will provide the tank, concrete, and fittings. The permittee will pay for labor and equipment rentals. The two new tanks will prove reliable water sources to otherwise dry areas, which will improve grazing management and habitat for wildlife and livestock. Tyler has suggested that the permittee keep water in the tanks as much as possible throughout the year. **The project was approved for up to \$5,000 with the stipulation that the tanks are full year-round to provide water for wildlife (where possible).**

Fence Voucher Increase

Prices for fence materials have increased, so the committee may need to look at increasing the limit for fencing vouchers. The committee has decided to keep the limit the same for now, but will watch prices to determine if voucher limits need to be increased in the future. Most of the committee stockpile materials are furnished by CPW's Game Damage department, so landowners are getting a good value for stockpile fencing materials.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion

The committee has been ordering hotcote white wire for the stockpile. This wire can be electrified, so it is more expensive. Most landowners do not electrify their white wire, so the committee will start ordering regular white wire to keep in the stockpile since it is cheaper and they will be able to get more rolls, while still serving the purpose of being visible to wildlife.

Sheila updated the committee on the Weston Pass fire-The fire was over 13,000 acres. Water tanks in the area are still in good shape, although a lot of the pipeline was destroyed and will need to be replaced. Most fences were destroyed, so the USFS will take the opportunity to evaluate existing pastures and re-design them where necessary before replacing fences.

Steve and Michele Allard are looking into a weed spraying project. They will look into costs and will likely bring an application to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

The next meeting will be held on September 4th at 10:00 AM at the Fairplay Fair Barn.

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