



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
May 10th, 2018
Royal Gorge Field Office

Committee Members present:

- Jim Aragon, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
- Aaron Atwood, Livestock Grower
- Joe Moore, Livestock Grower
- Ted Grover, Sportsman
- Jeff Williams, BLM Rangeland Management Specialist
- Stephanie Shively, USFS Wildlife Biologist
- Brett McMurry, Livestock Grower

Administrative Assistant:

- Hanna Cook

Guests: Kim Woodruff (DWM), Vickie Russo (USFS), Nicholas Padilla (USFS)

Meeting called to order at 10:15 AM

Budget Report

The 2018 budget report was reviewed

The inmate hand thinning project will not be completed this year, as they have been short staffed.

Old Business

Homestead Spring Presentation

A spring development was completed on the Sanborn Western Camps property. There were pastures that were not getting utilized due to lack of water, so pipeline and tire tanks were installed to bring water to dry areas. 0.63 miles of pipeline was purchased by HPP and tire tanks were given out from the stockpile. Now that the project is complete, it is clear that the spring development worked very well. The pasture is now being utilized and grazing management has greatly improved.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Tom Grette Increase

Tom Grette has been able to get a lot of work done and there are several habitat projects that would not be completed without his services. He will be able to more work this fiscal year if

more funds are available. Kim is asking for an additional \$2,000 for Tom to complete more mapping and flagging for habitat projects.

The project was approved for a \$2,000 increase. The project total is now \$12,000.

BLM Weed Control Project

Jeff Williams and Aaron Richter are asking the committee for \$4,000 to pay a contractor to spot spray weeds on BLM land, including the Deer Haven/Trail Gulch area, Big Hole, Herring Park, Crampton, and other areas. BLM will contribute another \$1,000 for contractor labor, plus herbicide and hours for planning and monitoring. Spraying noxious weeds will help prevent spread to other areas and will increase the quality and quantity of forage for wildlife and livestock on grazing allotments.

The project was approved for \$4,000.

Remaining committee business/other discussion

The committee is very sad to have recently lost their chairman and sportsperson rep, Ted Grover. Ted was a very important and dedicated member of the committee and he will be sorely missed.

The committee recognizes that each position is vital to committee operations and decisions, and missing a representative from any position is not ideal. With that in mind, they would like to find a replacement for the sportsperson vacancy right away. Hanna Cook will create a vacancy announcement that will be distributed to the committee mailing list and DWMs. Committee members and DWMs will distribute the announcement to as many people as possible to make sure that any interested parties are made aware of the opportunity. Applicants will be asked to submit their contact information and a statement of interest to Hanna. The deadline to apply will be July 2nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM

Next meeting: July 12th 10:00 AM at the BLM Office.

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