



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**CPW Area Office-0088 Wildlife Way in Glenwood Springs, CO**  
**Wednesday May 2, 2018**  
**1:00pm**

**Introductions:** Members attending the meeting were: Jim Nieslanik/Livestock Grower, Scot Dodero/Livestock Grower, DWM Darren Chacon/CPW, Pat Luark/Livestock Grower, Phil Nyland/USFS & Samantha Sorensen/Admin.

**Guests attending the meeting were:** AWM Perry Will/CPW, DWM Brian Gray/CPW, Kristy Wallner/BLM, DWM Brian Wodrich/CPW, DWM Kurtis Tesch/CPW, Ryan Lahti & Carol Dodo.

**General Public Comments:** N/A

**Budget Report:** Samantha presented committee members with a budget report and the remaining amount was \$55,221.90. She also pointed out that the State Council had approved \$200,000.00 for FY19.

**Old Business:** Minutes from the November 14<sup>th</sup> and January 24<sup>th</sup> meetings were presented and approved as written.

**New Business:** Cattle Creek & Collins Creek Weed Spraying: Proposal withdrawn.

Greenhorn & Stagecoach Water Developments: Kristy presented committee members with applications and explained that the named allotments are north of Gypsum. The committee has already funded a water saver on the north side of the allotment. They are planning to repair four previously developed springs; water rights belong to the BLM. Intend to use fiberglass tanks since they are easier to haul in and they'll be down and out of site; Kristy doesn't think they'll get shot at. Steve Hammer will take care of the maintenance and also clean out the ponds. Pat Luark suggested that Kristy speak with the NRCS about doing it right. Brian Wodrich pointed out that this year could show what a bad drought will do to the deer. Phil asked that they install escape ramps. Darren requested that they include contributions not listed on the application. The committee approved \$15,942.33 for the project.

Stoddard Property Oxeye Daisy Spraying: 160 acres need weed control on Forest Service. Brian Gray projected that the project seems to need it about every 5 years. Scot agreed that the area looks like it needs treatment again. Piffer is who they'd probably use. Darren asked that they take before and after photos. The committee approved \$1,425.00 for the project.

Saurusig Wildlife Friendly Fence: There is a fence in place that was built two years ago. The plan is to replace the top strand with vinyl wire on a half mile portion. The committee approved \$541.80 for the project.

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** Update-Braderich Creek & Cattle Creek Rx Burns: Phil let everyone know that the \$15k for Cattle Creek had been spent. The burn took place outside Basalt in unit 444 winter range. Funding helped pay for the helicopter contract and as a result they were able to burn 1200-1300 acres in only 4-5 hours. Braderich hasn't closed yet and it's greening up quick. They may have to try again in the fall or next spring. Phil also added that proposed burns on the Eagle side are coming.

FY Deadlines: Samantha let everyone know about upcoming fiscal year deadlines. Purchase order requests are due May 21<sup>st</sup>. Game Damage requests are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. All HPP invoices are due by June 15<sup>th</sup> and projects are to be wrapped up by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Select Next Meeting Date: July 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in Burns at Pat Luark's place.

**Roundtable:** Brian Gray let everyone know that Cedar Mountain had been completed and they'll be back for mechanical and hand thinning funds for West Elk Ridge.

Brian Wodrich and Pat Luark mentioned that the HPP portion of Pump Gulch had been finished.

The committee was asked if multiple landowners could combine their acreage and request a fence or herbicide voucher as a group. It was decided to remain consistent and communicate with any interested landowners that they're always welcome to bring a project proposal to the committee.

Samantha announced that the Distribution Management Plan was to go in front of the Commission on Friday for review/approval. She will email everyone the final plan after approval, the plan will also be available on the website. Lastly, she let everyone know that Pat Tucker had announced his retirement at the April State Council meeting and that he plans to retire before December of 2019.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.