



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
USFS in Walden, CO
September 11, 2018
7:00pm

Introductions: Members present were: DWM Josh Dilley/CPW, Danny Meyring/livestock grower, Blaine Evans/livestock grower, Jimmer Baller/livestock grower, Darrell Freeman/USFS and Administrative Assistant Samantha Sorensen/CPW. Via phone: Tara Wertz/USFWS and Todd Peterson/sportsperson. **Guests present were:** HPP Coordinator Pat Tucker/CPW and DWM Jacob Way/CPW.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget: Samantha provided committee members with a budget report, the remaining balance was \$75,000.00. \$5,000.00 had been encumbered for vinyl wire vouchers.

Old Business: Minutes: Members were provided with draft minutes from April 2nd and July 5th, which were approved as written.

New Business: Arapaho Ranch Stackyard: Josh explained that Chad Griffis had concerns about the elk hanging around after they cut hay and thought they might need a stackyard. When Josh last checked in with him they had already built it. Chad may be interested in another stackyard but he wants to spend another winter there and see what the elk do. Danny mentioned that there are already a number of stackyards on the property. Josh said they may need to research if the yards were funded by HPP and if they're within the 30 year co-op agreement. Todd thought they GPS located all the yards 7-9 years ago; Sam will look into past records.

Other Business: Stackyard Cost Share & Sideboards: Josh let the committee know that Garrett Watson is the new game damage manager; he plans to keep the stackyard sizes the same. Josh recapped that the committee had agreed to keep their cost share as is for another year but advertise the new standards slated to begin in FY2020. Blaine wondered how many more ranches in NP still need stackyards. It was agreed that there were still areas the elk have yet to discover as well as old stackyards that will need replaced soon. Josh's suggestion was if the landowner allows hunting and they're eligible for game damage; CPW would provide the materials and HPP would pay for 75% of the construction. If the landowner is not eligible for GD then the labor would be on them and HPP would cover 75% of materials. Samantha went over

stackyard guidelines in the Lower Colorado River and Upper Yampa River committee areas, she also pointed out that no other committees fund stackyards at 100%. Blaine pointed out that NP is turning back money every year. Tara thought that increasing the cost share might encourage folks to get a stackyard. It was pointed out that HPP is a partnership. Todd would like to be forward thinking and see the extra money spent on habitat work. Pat briefly explained where all the unspent money goes. After much discussion it was decided to table the decision until the next meeting. At the next meeting Josh will bring in an average price/foot for labor and price of materials. Josh will also ask GD how many stackyards are recorded in Jackson County. Blaine, Jimmer and Danny said that Josh could send landowners to them if they are resistant to stackyards and the co-op agreement.

New BLM Representative-Tiffany Rubalcaba: Tiffany was unable to attend the meeting but she was nominated by the BLM to be their new representative on the NPHPP committee. Tiffany's name will be submitted to the Parks and Wildlife Commission in November.

Select Next Meeting Date: February 15th at 1:00pm. Future Agenda Items: Stackyard Cost Share and Sideboards, Darrell's habitat project, Tara will give a presentation on t-post clips plus give an update on refuge hunts, Jacob will give an update on fall hunts.

Roundtable: Samantha provided members with a copy of the new HPP flier which will replace the old brochure. Fliers will eventually be available in all the CPW offices. She also let members know that she'd talked with Michelle at Timberline and she suggested getting rid of the 2" staples on the fence damage form since everyone purchases the 1 ¾" or 1 ¼" staples. The committee decided to only offer 1 ¾" barbed staples moving forward.

Jacob will slowly be taking over for Josh on the committee. There was talk of picking a new chairman.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.