



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Uncompahgre HPP Committee

Phone Conference

September 5th, 2018

7:30 pm

Uncompahgre HPP Members Present: Kelly Crane, CPW; Bobby Gray, Sports person; Bob Black, Ag Producer; Loren Paulson, USFS; Todd Steward, Ag Producer

Guests Present: Tony Abel, Landowner

Introduction: Committee members identified themselves. The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$129,100.00.

New Business:

1. The committee reviewed a fencing project from Tony Abel. The property is located in a critical migration corridor between summer range on public lands and winter range on private lands. Some existing fence is present, however it is old and in severe disrepair, and does not properly contain livestock. Deer and elk can become entangled in the fence which can result in wildlife injury or death, or abnormal big game distribution in the area. When big game can properly funnel through the area, they reach winter range on private lands with very little game damage or conflict potential; however if they cannot migrate through this area they end up on other private lands with existing conflicts and high damage potential.

The project includes removing existing fence, clearing new fence right-of-way, and constructing 1 mile of new wildlife-friendly fence that meets CPW specifications, including a high-visibility topwire. This will increase the ability of big game to migrate throughout the property to low-conflict winter range while still properly containing livestock, and will help prevent wildlife injury or death and future damage to the fence. The committee approved \$13,200.00 for contractor labor for the new fence. The committee will also provide 4 rolls of high visibility wire.

Next meeting: December 5th, 2018 @ 6:30pm