



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Conference Call

August 14, 2019

1:00pm

Introductions: Members introduced themselves as they joined the call: AWM Lyle Sidener/CPW, RC Lopez/BLM, Dave Hammer/Livestock Grower, Chuck Alexander/Livestock Grower, Doug Bruchez/Livestock Grower, Gary Horine/Sportsperson(1:20pm), John Mack/NPS(1:45pm), and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW **Guests attending the meeting were:** DWM Rachel Sralla/CPW, Michelle Cowardin/CPW, and DWM Jeff Behncke/CPW.

New Business: Middle Park Mule Deer Winter Range Enhancement: Lyle began by explaining that the project proposal was for the aerial application of fertilizer on various public properties; historically happened on an annual basis but that has not been the case the last few years. Rachel, Gene Abrams, Bryan Lamont and Tiffany Rubalcaba have worked together to revitalize the project. Rachel went on to say they'd like to apply the fertilizer this fall on both Junction Butte SWA and BLM near Wolford. In total they would like to treat roughly 714 acres of public, located adjacent to private, in an effort to help hold wildlife longer. The idea would be to rotate around to different properties each year since the fertilizer has a 4-5 year return. After much discussion and debate the committee decided to approve the project up to \$25,000.00 with conditions; information regarding weed control, monitoring and active allotments are to be discussed at the September meeting.

Vinyl Wire Vouchers: Samantha presented committee members with an example of a vinyl wire voucher and explained that the distribution of wire provided by State Council would need to be tracked. The committee agreed to use the form and that they could be used like the fence vouchers; a maximum of 3 rolls will be allowed per voucher. No acreage requirements were set.

Lyle mentioned that Michelle has been working on a conservation easement and may bring a proposal to the committee in September.

John brought up that he was promoted to a regional position; he was asked to stay on the committee through September.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm. The next meeting is scheduled for September 11th.