



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

### San Juan Basin HPP Committee

Phone Conference  
April 27th, 2020  
12:00 p.m.

**San Juan Basin HPP Members Present:** Adrian Archuleta, CPW; Aran Johnson, SUIT; Phil Craig, Livestock Grower; George Malarsie, Sportsman; John Gardner, Sportsman; Mike Schmidt, BLM; Dan Huntington, Livestock Grower; Anthony Garcia, USFS

**Guests:** Pat Tucker, CPW

### **Old Business:**

1. The committee resumed discussion of the draft Herd Management Plans for E30 and E31. Both DAUs face significant challenges with loss of winter range, increasing development and recreation demands, and diminishing calf recruitment; however extensive public outreach revealed that most people favor an overall population increase. For both DAUs, the committee supported the proposed population objective increases. The committee does not believe the increases would create significantly more conflict, and that HPP and CPW have the resources necessary to address conflicts should they occur. Additionally, sportsmen and other stakeholders have expressed the desire to expand hunting opportunity and see more elk on the landscape. It should be noted that the majority of sportsmen favor a larger population increase of 25%; however, with significant calf recruitment issues across southwest Colorado,

the committee believes that the proposed 15% increase within the 10-year time frame is more realistic. The committee also noted concerns about the loss of winter range due to continued residential growth and increasing recreation demands on public lands. The committee will draft comment letters for Mr. Weinmeister to include in the plan.

**Meeting adjourned. Next meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm**