



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 18th, 2020**  
**Video Conference**

**Committee Members present:**

- Jim Aragon, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
- Aaron Atwood, Livestock Grower
- Joe Moore, Livestock Grower
- Jeff Williams, BLM Rangeland Management Specialist
- Stephanie Shively, USFS Wildlife Biologist
- Brett McMurry, Livestock Grower
- Tyrel Woodward, Sportsmen

**Administrative Assistant:**

- Hanna Cook

**Guests:** Pat Tucker (HPP Coordinator), Mitchel Emmer (USFS), Marisa Neuzil (Teller Park Conservation District)

**Meeting called to order at 10:03 AM**

**Budget Report**

The 2020 and 2021 budget reports were reviewed.

**Old Business**

BLM Elongated Mustard Project Updates

The committee was updated that the elongated mustard spraying project was completed, but unfortunately the majority of the bill to the committee was for ferry charges to fly the helicopter from Montrose to Canon City, and not for actual spraying. They sprayed 8 acres, which is less than expected. However, it was explained that because there has been a drought, there ended up being fewer weeds than in previous years. They were expecting to spray more, but they ended up not needing to because of the lack of weeds this year. Jeff still feels that this was a good project and it was important to get it done, even though they ended up needing less spraying than expected.

## **New Business**

### **Project Application Proposals and Reviews**

#### Trout Creek Noxious Weed Treatment-Mitchel Emmer

Mitchel is asking HPP for \$10,000 for herbicide treatment on USFS property. This area has important winter range for deer and elk, habitat for threatened and endangered species, grazing allotments, and recreation. Noxious weed infestations are reducing the amount of quality habitat available. Mitchel is estimating that around 300 acres will be treated this year. They will plan out the timing and chemicals used so that everything is safe for grazing cattle. They will also be using grazing management as a tool to help control the noxious weeds. They have already completed spraying for this year, so these funds will be used to purchase herbicide in the 2022 fiscal year so that they can spray in the summer/fall of 2021.

**The project was approved for \$10,000 for FY 2022.**

### **Remaining committee business/other discussion**

Ty Woodward has accepted a position at CPW as the Terrestrial Biologist based out of Colorado Springs. In order to prevent having two CPW employees on the committee, Ty will be stepping down and there will be a sportsperson representative vacancy on the committee. Hanna will put out a vacancy announcement ASAP. Applicants will be required to submit a statement of interest, and will need to attend a committee meeting so that the committee can meet them and ask questions before making a decision. The deadline to apply will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM**

**Next meeting: November 17th at 10:00 AM via video conference.**

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