



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Uncompahgre HPP Committee

Phone Conference

June 3rd, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Uncompahgre HPP Members Present: Bob Black, Livestock Grower; Todd Stewart, Livestock Grower; Bobby Gray, Sportsman; Angela LoSasso, BLM; Kelly Crane, CPW; Loren Paulson, USFS

Guests: Thane Stranathan, BLM; Dean Stindt

Introductions: Committee members were introduced. The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$1,704.00.

New Business:

Project Application Proposals and Reviews:

1. Dean Stindt presented a water development project for Randy Luth on the Cowboy Cave Ranch. The property is located in big game winter range, and experiences year-round use by deer. While the habitat is otherwise sufficient for deer and elk, the lack of available water in the surrounding area has resulted in poor distribution and game damage to nearby agricultural operations. The project involves installing a water collection system at an active spring (Herndon Spring), and piping the water to a tank with a drinker. The spring has been located and the recharge rate (estimated 1-2 gallons per minute) should be sufficient to keep water in the tank throughout most of the year. Increasing the amount of water available for big game will improve deer and elk distribution throughout the area, and should help reduce game damage to nearby irrigated fields. The project was approved for \$1,425.00 as reimbursement to the landowner for the completed project.
2. The committee briefly discussed a fencing proposal from Marc Bergman. The proposed fence design is not wildlife-friendly, and the stated objective of the fence is to keep big game out of a field that is intended to be grazed by cattle in the future. The fence does not meet the scope of HPP and the project was denied.

Roundtable

1. Angela LoSasso informed the committee that due to her recent move to a different role, the BLM has decided to select a new HPP representative. Thane Stranathan has been nominated. The committee thanked Angela for her dedication and time with the committee.

Next Meeting: TBD