



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Uncompahgre HPP Committee

Phone Conference

October 7th, 2020

8:00 p.m.

Uncompahgre HPP Members Present: Kelly Crane, CPW; Bobby Gray, Sportsman; Loren Paulson, USFS; Todd Stewart, Livestock Grower; Thane Stranathan, BLM

Guests: Rachel Sralla, CPW; Ella Marolf

Old Business:

1. The committee resumed discussion on the Marolf pond project. The pond was built in the 1970s, and reliably held water for both wildlife and livestock until ~5 years ago. In the past several years pond's storage capacity has been reduced by 50% or more, and frequently runs dry by the end of the summer. This is primarily due to a large amount of silt that comes in during runoff, which is the only source of water for the pond. Any water that exceeds the storage capacity drains to the lower neighbors. The project involves removing the silt and debris, resealing the pond, and using extracted materials to reshape and reinforce the dam and spillway. The project proposal included two quotes, but the landowner preferred the scope of work that would be accomplished with a trackhoe rather than a dozer for a lower overall cost. The project was approved for 50% of the contractor cost up to \$7,700.00.
2. Todd Stewart presented a pond cleanout project on USFS allotments in Hanks Valley. Ponds in the area provide water for both livestock and wildlife throughout the summer and fall, but in recent years they have become silted in and the water storage capacity has decreased considerably. There are at least 22 ponds that need to be cleaned out, and the project includes a minimum of 10 ponds, or up to 12 ponds if time and contractor costs allow. The project was approved for 50% of the contractor costs up to \$5,000.00.

Other Business:

1. Dave Andrews has decided to resign from the committee. Announcements for the livestock grower position will be posted in various public locations. The committee noted that while anyone may apply, they are hopeful that the replacement representative will be based in the West End.

Next Meeting: November 4, 2020 6:30pm