



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Gunnison Basin HPP Committee

Zoom Meeting

March 10, 2021

11:00am

Gunnison Basin HPP Members Present: Nick Gallowich, CPW; Dayle Funka, USFS; Kathy Brodhead, BLM; Shane Cox, Livestock Grower; Paul Mowery, Livestock Grower; Navid Navidi, Sportsman

Guests: Pat Tucker, CPW

Old Business:

1. The committee resumed discussion on new voucher programs and made the following approvals:
 - a. All vouchers are on a reimbursement basis.
 - b. Voucher programs are approved at the beginning of the fiscal year and are available to landowners throughout the year, i.e. in between meetings/as needed via DWMs.
 - c. All vouchers must be submitted for payment no later than June 10th.
 - d. Hunting access is required if voucher is utilized on private land.
 - e. 'Friends and family only' is allowed – does not have to be public access

Fence vouchers:

- Minimum 40 acres
- Leased acres qualify
- Not allowable on allotment fences
- \$200 increments
- Up to 3 vouchers per landowner annually distributed by DWMs
- 1 roll of white wire per voucher may be distributed if landowner requests it
- Restrictions on allowed materials: posts, barbed/barbless wire, electric braid, stays, staples, etc. No woven wire or hog panels, tools, chargers, etc.

Herbicide Vouchers:

- Minimum 35 acres
- Leased acres qualify
- \$200 increments
- Up to 2 vouchers per landowner annually distributed by DWMs

2. The committee discussed, but did not approve, the following. Follow-up on USFS allotment rules is needed before approval and pond vouchers were tabled.

Pond Cleanout Voucher:

- No minimum acres
- For use on allotments only unless DWM pre-approves pond on private land
- Ponds must receive significant wildlife use
- \$750 increments for **two** ponds cleaned with heavy equipment
- Based on \$150/hr up to 5 hours
- Up to **6** vouchers annually
- Before-and-after photos and GPS locations required before payment

Next Meeting: TBD