



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

San Juan Basin HPP Committee

Zoom Videoconference

August 9, 2022

8:00 p.m.

San Juan Basin HPP Members Present: Anthony Garcia, USFS; Phil Craig, Livestock Grower; Dan Huntington, Livestock Grower; Ty Smith, CPW; John Gardner, Sportsman; Mike Schmidt, BLM; Aran Johnson, SUI

Guests: Wes Lewis, Doug Purcell

Introduction: Committee members and guests were introduced. The remaining budget at the beginning of the meeting was \$77,289.06.

New Business:

1. Wes Lewis presented a pond cleaning project for the Snowball and Quien Sabe USFS allotments. The project area experiences year-round use by deer and elk. Lack of water on the allotments causes competition for forage on private property where there is reliable water supply, and poor utilization of habitat in between water sources. Existing ponds are silted in and do not hold enough water. The project consists of cleaning out 2 existing ponds to increase water storage capacity, and constructing 4 new ponds. Increasing water supply will improve cattle and elk distribution on allotment and reduce big game competition on private land. The project was approved for \$15,000.00.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting May 9th