



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2022

Virtual Conference Call

Committee Members present:

- Aaron Atwood, Livestock Grower
- Joe Moore, Livestock Grower
- Jeff Williams, BLM Rangeland Management Specialist
- Stephanie Shively, USFS Wildlife Biologist
- Brett McMurry, Livestock Grower
- Ron Goodrich, Sportsman

Administrative Assistant:

- Kimberly Berscheid

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

Budget Report

The 2021 budget report was reviewed.

Old Business

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

North Powerline Hydroaxe Treatment Project - Kim Woodruff

Kim is asking the committee for \$21,226 in funds to apply toward the ongoing, multi-agency habitat enhancement project. Collaborators include CPW, BLM, USFS, SLB, conservation groups and private landowners. \$16,226 will go towards Hydroaxe treatment and \$5,000 will be applied to seed purchase. This project is located in GMUs 57, 58 and 86 near Howard, CO and encompasses critical winter range for elk. The current treatment area consists of 378 acres, Rue Logging is working and anticipated to be on site for up to 5 weeks. The project will reduce game damage claims by drawing wildlife to the public lands.

Jeff Williams stated that the current condition is closed stand pinon trees, creating a solid canopy and not allowing for any understory forage. The project will help get the bio diversity

needed, especially with the seeding. Which will create better grazing distribution for livestock and wildlife.

The project was approved for \$21,226 for Fiscal Year 2022.

Tom Grette Additional Funds - Kim Woodruff

Kim is asking the committee for an additional \$3,000 towards Tom Grette's work on the North Powerline Project. He will assist with supervision of the contractors and ensure the project is on target. Additionally, he will assist with re-seeding the project site

The project was approved for \$3,000 for Fiscal Year 2022.

Remaining committee business/other discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM

Next meeting: TBD

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