



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

South Park HPP Committee Meeting

July 25, 2023, 11:00 am

Fairplay, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Vacant - CPW
- Steve Allard - Livestock Grower
- John Woodward - Livestock Grower
- Webb Smith - Livestock Grower
- Randy Tingle - Sportsman
- Christine Cloninger - BLM
- Sheila Lamb - USFS

Attendees Present:

Andrew Richardson - Applicant
Pat Spivak - Applicant

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kimberly Berscheid

Introductions

Committee members were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$41,500.

Old Business

The minutes from April 13, 2023, were approved.

New Business

Tarryall Noxious Weed Treatments-

Sheila Lamb presented the project on behalf of Vickie Russo, who could not attend due to other obligations. The project will treat approximately 120 acres of noxious weeds in the Pike National Forest. The targeted weeds are Canada thistle, musk thistle, yellow toadflax, and leafy spurge. Reducing the infestation will encourage native forbs and grass growth, increasing the forage opportunities for permitted livestock and big game. The USFS will contribute \$5,000 for herbicide and \$5,000 in labor for the South Park Weed Crew to treat an additional 60 acres. **The project was approved for up to \$10,000 for labor costs.**

McQuaid Pipeline-

Andrew Richardson presented a project to replace 3.3 miles of pipeline destroyed during the Weston Fire in 2018. The pipeline will supply 11 tanks in the McQuaid Allotment and allow grazing on all eight pastures. The increased area will allow for maintaining range and forage conditions. The site provides a critical habitat for elk, deer, antelope, and moose throughout the year. Livestock and big game will benefit from the additional water sources, especially in the lower, drier portions. The Richardson Cattle Company will contribute \$50,000 in equipment and labor to clear, cut in, and cover the pipeline and hook up the existing tanks. The USFS will contribute \$111,278 for fencing and 1.5 miles of pipe. **The project was approved for up to \$22,225 for 3.3 miles of HDPE poly pipe.**

12 Mile Ranch Hay Field Reclamation-

Pat Spivak presented a hay reclamation project on the 12 Mile Ranch. The project would reestablish water diversions to allow additional hay fields to be reclaimed, providing feed and forage for big game. **The project was not approved at this time; the committee requested other cooperators be contacted for funding.**

Remaining Committee Business

The committee discussed potential project applications.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.