



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Middle Park HPP Committee Meeting
April 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm
BLM- Kremmling, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Jeromy Huntington- CPW
- Chuck Alexander - Livestock Grower
- Doug Bruchez - Livestock Grower
- Dave Hammer - Livestock Grower
- Conway Farrell - Sportsman
- Anna Gubbins - BLM
- Amy Birtwistle - USFS
- Isabel de Silva - NPS

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kayla Friedrich, Kale Watson, Kimberly Berscheid

Attendees Present:

Michael Blanck: HPP Program Manager
Jennifer Baker
Adelain Bracket
Jimmy Labelle
Austin Stafford
Elissa Slezak
Jeff Bankey
Tim Shire
Zack Swinless
Clayton McCall
Aurelia DeWasha
Mike Brooks
Katelyn Tosick
Ashley Garrison

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget remaining for FY24 is \$0.00. Discussed budget for FY25.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the December 13th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Ute Bill Drainage- Amy Britwistle (USFS) and Gary Scheimer discussed the Ute Bill Creek drainage infestation of Canadian Thistle and Hounds Tongue. The scope of the project is to eradicate during the spring and summer growth phases before seeds mature. Project was approved with HPP funding \$750.00 for herbicide and surfactant.

Remaining Committee Business

Cattleman's Association Discussion: The committee discussed a fencing project the Middle Park Stockgrowers is collaborating on with local landowners. The project is to build enclosure fencing to protect livestock and feed from wildlife conflicts. The committee agreed the project was valuable; however, it did not find that it aligned

with HPP funding guidelines as presented. HPP encouraged the interested parties to pursue other funding resources

Elk Herd Management- Elissa Slezak presented an overview of the E-8 & E-13 Middle Park Elk Herd Management Plan. The committee and members of the public discussed the plan in depth and posed several questions. The committee would draft a comment letter once the final draft of the plan was released in the spring.

Meeting Schedule- The committee rescheduled the next meeting to June 27th at 1:00pm at the Hot Sulphur office.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40 pm.