



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Uncompahgre HPP Committee Meeting

February 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Montrose, CO

### Committee Members Present:

- Kelly Crane - CPW
- Dave Alexander - Livestock Grower
- Todd Stewart - Livestock Grower
- Doug Dillon - Livestock Grower
- Bobby Gray - Sportsman
- Thane Stranathan - BLM
- Luke Holguin - USFS

### Attendees Present:

- Earl Reams - Applicant
- Breck Richards - Applicant
- Brian Hoefling - USFS
- Tony Bonacquista - CPW
- Mark Caddy - CPW

### Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

### Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

### Budget Report

The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$100,508.57

### Old Business

The minutes from the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

### New Business

Jutten White Wire- The Committee reviewed a White Vinyl Wire application from Jay Jutten. The property sits in important big game habitat and has been experiencing large amounts of elk on the property that are hard on the fences. The project's scope includes installing 1 ½ miles of white vinyl wire to help the elk see the fence line. **The project was approved for 6 rolls of white wire.**

Reams Fence- Earl Reams presented a fence project to the Committee. The property experiences year-round use by elk and deer that are hard on the fence and are in need of repair. The scope of the project is to repair about ¼ mile of fencing to wildlife-friendly specs. **The project was approved for \$1,327.20.**

Richards Virtual Fence- Breck Richards presented a virtual fencing project to the committee. The project site is located in important big game habitat. Currently, it is

difficult to practice any rotational grazing on the Basin C&H Allotment due to the terrain. Many areas are underutilized and overutilized due to an inability to fence and recreationalists leaving gates open. The scope of the project includes installing 3 virtual fence base stations. **The project was approved for \$30,000.00.**

Fertilizer Vouchers- The committee reviewed fertilizer voucher applications. There were 24 applicants with a total of 5,178 acres. **The committee approved \$6.26 per acre with a \$5,000.00 cap, for a project cost of \$32,400.00.**

### **Remaining Committee Business**

Meeting Schedule- The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2024, at 6:30 pm, at the Montrose Colorado Parks and Wildlife Office.

### **Roundtable**

Virtual Fencing- The Committee discussed virtual fencing and the possibility of doing a site tour this upcoming summer and putting together a workshop for landowners to learn more about the system. The committee also had a short discussion about making guidelines for virtual fencing projects. No guidelines were set but will be discussed at future meetings.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.