



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Middle Park HPP Committee Meeting  
June 27, 2024 at 1:00 pm  
CPW Hot Sulphur Springs Office

### Committee Members Present:

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

### Administrative Assistant Present:

Kayla Friedrich

### Attendees Present:

Michael Blanck: HPP Program Manager  
Zack Swenness; CPW  
Jeff Behnke, CPW  
Darrin Eisele, Applicant  
Adelain Bracket  
Jesse Hamlin

### Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

### Budget Report

The remaining FY25 budget at the start of the meeting was \$115,750.00.

### Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the April 11th meeting were approved as written.

### New Business

Deer Creek Ranch Mastication Phase III: Darrin Eisele presented phase III of the Deer Creek Ranch Mastication project for approximately 52 acres. The area was affected by the Silver Creek fire. Several committee members commented that they have seen the property and it looks good and it is evident what areas have benefited from this project. The committee was concerned about funding this project as it was a big portion of the committee's annual budget. The project was approved with the committee funding \$25,000.00 and State Council funding \$25,000.00.

### Remaining Committee Business

FY25 Fence Voucher Program: The committee approved the fence voucher program for redemption at Northwest Ranch Supply for up to \$800.00 per voucher with a total allocation of \$32,000.00

FY25 Herbicide Voucher Program: The committee approved the herbicide voucher program for redemption at Northwest Ranch Supply for up to \$650.00 per voucher with a total allocation of \$13,000.00

Herd Management: The committee reviewed the final draft of the herd management plans for E-8, E-13, and B-16. The committee supported the plans and will write a letter of support for Elissa Slezak.

Term Limits: The committee discussed the term limit policy that was signed by the director on June 14, 2024.

Livestock Growers Vacancy: Dave Hammer resigned from the Middle Park HPP meeting officially at the latest commission meeting. The committee discussed posting the vacancy and holding interviews at the next meeting.

Meeting Schedule- The committee scheduled the next meeting for August 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the USFS Granby Office.

#### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 pm.