



Habitat Partnership Program Meeting Minutes

Upper Yampa River Committee Meeting

October 20, 2025

Colorado Parks and Wildlife - Steamboat Springs Office

925 Weiss Dr, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

Committee Members Present:

- Kyle Bond - CPW
- Jeff Clyncke - Livestock Grower
- Larry Monger - Livestock Grower
- Owen Meyer - Livestock Grower
- Jack Taylor - Sports person
- Eric Scherff - BLM
- Baili Foster - USFS

Attendees Present:

Ian Duzik - Applicant

Administrative Assistant Present: Kayla Friedrich

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget at the start of the meeting was \$19,799.83

Old Business

The minutes from the September 15, 2025 meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Lester Creek Spring Development & Troughs - Ian Duzik presented a water development project that includes rebuilding the water developments on the USFS Lester Creek grazing allotment. The Lester Creek springs and trough were constructed decades ago and have fallen into disrepair. Livestock were removed from the allotment more than 10 years ago but consideration is underway to reintroduce cattle and sheep to the area. By rebuilding the water

developments, livestock can be moved off the natural water source that is needed to support elk and deer in the area. The project also includes roughly ¼ mile of wildlife-friendly fence. The USFS is issuing a temporary grazing permit for 1 year then will move forward with getting the NEPA in place. The USFS is contributing \$500.00 and \$3,200.00 of in-kind money for spring development protection materials, consultation, surveys, and planning. The committee approved the project for up to \$5,715.80.

Roundtable

The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2026 at 5:30 PM at the CPW Steamboat Springs Office.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:15 PM.