



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Middle Park HPP Committee Meeting

August 29, 2024 at 9:00 am

USFS Granby 9 10 Mile Dr. Granby, CO 80446

Committee Members Present:

- ☐ Jeff Behnke - CPW
- ☐ Chuck Alexander - Livestock Grower
- ☒ Doug Bruchez - Livestock Grower
- ☒ Conway Farrell - Sportsman
- ☒ Anna Gubbins - BLM
- ☒ Amy Birtwistle - USFS
- ☒ Isabel de Silva - NPS

Attendees Present:

Michael Blanck- CPW
Jeromy Huntington- CPW
Jesse Hamlin
Adeline Bracket
Han Smith (virtual)

Administrative Assistant Present:

Kayla Friedrich

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

Budget Report

The budget was approved.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the June 27th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

Livestock Grower Interviews- The committee held interviews for the vacant Livestock Grower position on the committee. The applicants were Han Smith, Jesse Hamlin, and Adeline Bracket. The committee selected Jesse Hamlin to fill the vacancy based on his interview, experience, and knowledge.

Gore Pass Ranch Stock Ponds- Conway Ferrell presented a pond project on behalf of his brother Vince Farrell. The project would consist of improving the existing ponds on the ranch as well as constructing two new ponds. The project would provide more water access for wildlife and livestock. CPW holds the conservation easement on the land. The committee posed questions about the scale of the project and if phases were an option. Conway abstained from the vote. The committee approved the new construction of a pond for \$30,000.00 pending state approval on the conservation easement.

Morales Weed Control Project- Jeromy Huntington presented a weed control project for fall and spring treatments on behalf of Carol Morales. The weed control would continue to mitigate noxious weeds for the upcoming growing season. The committee discussed the surrounding properties and opportunities for additional weed mitigation efforts. The project was approved for up to \$4,600.00.

*Administrative Note- \$4,600.00 of project funding approved by the HPP Manager.

Remaining Committee Business

Meeting Schedule- The committee scheduled the next meeting for March 13th at 1:00 pm at the Rocky Mountain National Park Kawuneeche Visitor Center.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 pm.