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TO: Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission
Bob Randall, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Members, Agriculture, Livestock, Natural Resources Committee, Colorado House of Representatives
Members, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy Committee, Colorado State Senate

FROM: State Council, Habitat Partnership Program
Bob Broscheid, Director, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

DATE: October 4, 2017

RE: Habitat Partnership Program Annual Report - FY 2017

As required by statute, attached please find the FY 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017) report for the Habitat Partnership Program (HPP). HPP is authorized by the state legislature and the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission to "reduce wildlife conflicts, particularly those associated with forage and fence issues, and to assist the Division of Parks and Wildlife in meeting game management objectives through duties as deemed appropriate by the Director." HPP revenue in FY17 was \$2,427,087*, of which \$2,384,212 was from 5% of big game (deer, elk, pronghorn, moose) license revenues from HPP areas.

In FY 2017, 19 local HPP committees and the State Council, made up of nearly 150 volunteers representing livestock growers, sportsmen, federal land management agencies and CPW staff met throughout the year across much of Colorado to cooperatively discuss and work towards reducing conflicts between big game and agricultural operators.

One of the founding principles for HPP was partnerships and this remains an integral part of the program today. The development of successful partnerships has allowed HPP to work with and establish relationships with many different people and agencies; it has allowed everyone to accomplish more at a lower cost than would have been possible if acting independently; we have accomplished projects that might not have been possible to do without them and our partnerships have created opportunities for future work together. In FY 2017, HPP expended \$1,767,958 and leveraged cash contributions of \$3,580,678, in kind services valued at \$2,319,282 and 17,147 hours of labor from our partners in efforts to reduce conflicts and meet game management objectives.

CPW and HPP remain committed to providing landowners a responsive way to resolve issues associated with deer, elk, moose and pronghorn wherever those problems or solutions may exist. HPP is pleased to be the premier model for collaborative conflict resolution for wildlife issues. Colorado Parks and Wildlife, HPP state council members, HPP committee members and the many partners we work with are very proud of the efforts and the many successes of the HPP program.

There is much more detailed information available about the HPP program and projects undertaken by the local committees. Interested parties are encouraged to contact a local CPW office, visit the HPP website, <http://cpw.state.co.us/HPP> or contact Pat Tucker, HPP Coordinator at (970) 255-6188 or via email at pat.tucker@state.co.us for more program and project information.

* - HPP also earned \$42,875 interest income



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

- ADM** - used for administrative projects, ie. meeting costs, supplies, program expenses, etc.
- EQP** - used for equipment purchased by committees for project work
- FEN** - used for fencing projects, ie. New construction or repairs (may be labor and/or materials)
- GBL** - Category of HPP project type
- GDM** - used for game damage projects, ie. New stack yard construction, stack yard repairs, forage purchases or hunt coordinators
- HPP Cost** - actual HPP dollars approved and spent on a project
- INF** - used for information and education projects, ie. Brochures, seminars, workshops, etc.
- In-Kind \$** - goods or services provided by a cooperator to a project that the cooperator has determined the value of.
- In-Kind Hours** - time contributed by a cooperator on a project
- MAN** - used for habitat manipulation and improvement projects, ie. prescribed burns, brush/tree cuttings, fertilization, seeding, weed control and water developments
- Match \$** - actual dollars contributed by a cooperator to a project
- MTC** - used for HPP projects that required additional maintenance after completion
- OTH** - used for conservation easement transaction costs and archaeological clearances
- Private Cost** - HPP dollars spent on private land projects
- Public Cost** - HPP dollars spent on public land projects
- RES** - used for research and monitoring projects, ie. Inventory, habitat, movement studies and project monitoring efforts
- Total Cost** - the sum of HPP cost, matching funds and in kind funds contributed to a project

COOPERATOR ABBREVIATIONS

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| BLM - Bureau of Land Management | RMEF - Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation |
| CPW - Colorado Parks and Wildlife | SLB - State Land Board |
| CSFS - Colorado State Forest Service | UP - Uncompahgre Project |
| MDF - Mule Deer Foundation | USFS - US Forest Service |
| NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service | USFWS - US Fish and Wildlife Service |
| NWTF - National Wild Turkey Federation | |

**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
COLORADO REVISED STATUTES**

33-1-110

(6.7) The director shall certify to the state controller that commitment or payment vouchers submitted by local habitat partnership committees are consistent with distribution management plans and guidelines approved by the commission. Such certification is the only requirement necessary to authorize the state controller to disburse funds from the habitat partnership cash fund.

(7) (a) The director, with approval of the commission, shall appoint a committee of nine persons to act as the "habitat partnership council", referred to in this section as the "council". The council shall have statewide responsibility and authority.

(b) (I) The council shall consist of the following members: Two sports persons who purchase big game licenses on a regular basis in Colorado; two persons representing livestock growers in Colorado; one person from the United States department of agriculture forest service; one person from the United States department of the interior bureau of land management; one person from the Colorado state university range extension program; one person representing agricultural crop producers; and one person from the Colorado division of parks and wildlife. All persons on the council shall be residents of the state of Colorado.

(II) Members of the council who will represent livestock growers and agricultural crop producers shall be chosen by the director from persons nominated by the local habitat partnership committees, pursuant to subparagraph (VI) of paragraph (d) of subsection (8) of this section.

(III) For the initial appointments to the council, the terms of the four members representing sports persons and livestock growers shall be two years for one member of each group and four years for the other member of each group, after which all appointments shall be for four years. The term lengths for the members representing the various agencies shall be at the discretion of the respective agencies. There shall be no limit on the number of terms a member may serve.

(c) The duties of the council are:

(I) To advise local habitat partnership committees;

(II) To assist in the dissemination of information concerning the habitat partnership program;

(III) To review draft plans for compliance with program guidelines established by the commission and to recommend appropriate action by the commission;

(IV) To monitor program effectiveness and to propose to the commission changes in guidelines and land acquisition planning and review as appropriate;

(V) To advise the director whether or not payment vouchers submitted by local habitat

partnership committees are consistent with distribution management plans approved by the commission;

(VI) To report to the commission and to the senate agriculture, natural resources, and energy committee and the house of representatives agriculture, livestock, and natural resources committee pursuant to [section 33-1-112 \(8\)](#).

(d) (Deleted by amendment, L. 96, p. 1727, § 1, effective June 3, 1996.)

(8) (a) The habitat partnership program is hereby created to assist the division of parks and wildlife by working with private land managers, public land management agencies, sports persons, and other interested parties to reduce wildlife conflicts, particularly those associated with forage and fence issues, and to assist the division of parks and wildlife in meeting game management objectives through duties as deemed appropriate by the director.

(b) The director, with the approval of the commission, shall have the authority to appoint a "habitat partnership committee", referred to in this section as a "committee", in any area of the state where conflicts between wildlife and private land owners and managers engaged in the management of public and private land exist.

(c) A committee shall consist of the following members: One sports person who purchases big game licenses on a regular basis in Colorado; three persons representing livestock growers in the area of the state in which the committee is being established; one person from each of the federal agencies that has land management responsibilities in such area of the state; and one person from the Colorado division of parks and wildlife. All persons on any such committee shall be residents of the state of Colorado.

(d) The duties of a committee are the following:

(I) To develop big game distribution management plans to resolve rangeland forage, growing hay crop, harvested crop aftermath grazing, and fence conflicts subject to commission approval;

(II) To monitor program effectiveness and to propose to the council changes in guidelines and land acquisition planning and review as appropriate;

(III) To request for the committee, on an annual basis, funds from the council consistent with the distribution management plan developed by any such committee;

(IV) To expend funds allocated by the council or acquired from other sources as necessary to implement distribution management plans;

(V) To make an annual report of expenditures and accomplishments of the committee to the council by August 15 of each year;

(VI) To nominate a person to act as a representative of agricultural livestock growers or crop producers to the habitat partnership council for the area of the state where such committee is organized;

(VII) To reduce wildlife and land management conflicts as the conflicts relate to big game forage and fence issues and other management objectives.

(e) The committee shall be authorized to procure from land owners, land managers, or other providers, materials or services necessary for carrying out activities identified in the distribution management plans pursuant to subparagraph (IV) of paragraph (d) of this subsection (8); except that all such procurements shall be certified as within the scope of the activities and funding levels authorized in such distribution management plans before any such procurement may be authorized.

33-1-112

(8) (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the habitat partnership cash fund. The moneys in the habitat partnership cash fund shall consist of those moneys annually transferred from the wildlife cash fund in accordance with paragraph (e) of this subsection (8) for the partnership program and any gifts, grants, donations, and reimbursements made to the program from other sources. The moneys in the fund shall be used in accordance with the duties of the habitat partnership council as specified in [section 33-1-110 \(7\)](#) and (8), including, but not limited to, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by council members in the fulfillment of their duties, as approved by the director. All interest derived from the investment of moneys in the habitat partnership cash fund shall be credited to the fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the fund subject to the limitations provided in paragraph (e) of this subsection (8).

(b) The council shall submit an annual report to the commission, the senate and house agriculture committees, and the executive director of the department of natural resources specifically stating the items for which it has expended moneys from the fund and the purpose of such items.

(c) If the council ceases to exist, all moneys in the habitat partnership cash fund shall revert to the wildlife cash fund.

(d) (Deleted by amendment, L. 96, p. 1729, § 2, effective June 3, 1996.)

(e) (I) On July 1, 2002, and each year thereafter, there shall be transferred from the wildlife cash fund to the habitat partnership cash fund an amount equal to five percent of the net sales of big game licenses used in the geographic areas represented by local habitat partnership committees from the previous calendar year.

(II) All moneys in the habitat partnership cash fund shall be continuously appropriated to the division of parks and wildlife for the purpose of funding the habitat partnership program.

(III) Any balance in the habitat partnership cash fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not exceed the total amount of the wildlife cash fund transfer from the beginning of that fiscal year. Any excess moneys shall revert to the wildlife cash fund.

(IV) This paragraph (e) is repealed, effective July 1, 2023.



Colorado Parks and Wildlife Habitat Partnership Program State Council Members

2017

Paul Crespín - US Forest Service Representative, Pike/San Isabel National Forest, Pueblo

Mick Davis - Sportsmen Representative, Alamosa

Terry Everhart - Livestock Producer Representative, Pueblo

John Hardwick - Crop Grower Representative, Vernon

Greg Jungman - Sportsmen Representative, Dillon

Robbie LeValley - Colorado State University Range Extension Service Representative, Delta

Ken Morgan - Colorado Parks and Wildlife Representative

Hunter Seim - US Bureau of Land Management Representative, Little Snake Field Office, Craig

Gary Visintainer - Livestock Producer Representative, Craig

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9 Members

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Admin. Assistant II

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Admin. Assistant II

Samantha Sorensen
Admin. Assistant II

**Republican Rivers
Committee**
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 NRCS

**Arkansas River
Committee**
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS

**Gunnison Basin
Committee**
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS

**North Fork Gunnison
Committee**
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS

**Lower Colorado
Committee**
1 CPW
4 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS

North Park Committee
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS
1 USFWS

**Sangre de Cristo
Committee**
1 CPW
4 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS
1 NRCS

**Northern Larimer County
Committee**
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 USFS
1 Larimer County

Montelores Committee
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS

**San Juan Basin
Committee**
1 CPW
4 Livestock Growers
2 Sportspersons
1 Southern Ute Indian
1 BLM - 1 USFS

Middle Park Committee
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS
1 NRCS - 1 RMNP

**Northwest Colorado
Committee**
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS

South Park Committee
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS

**San Luis Valley
Committee**
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS
1 USFWS

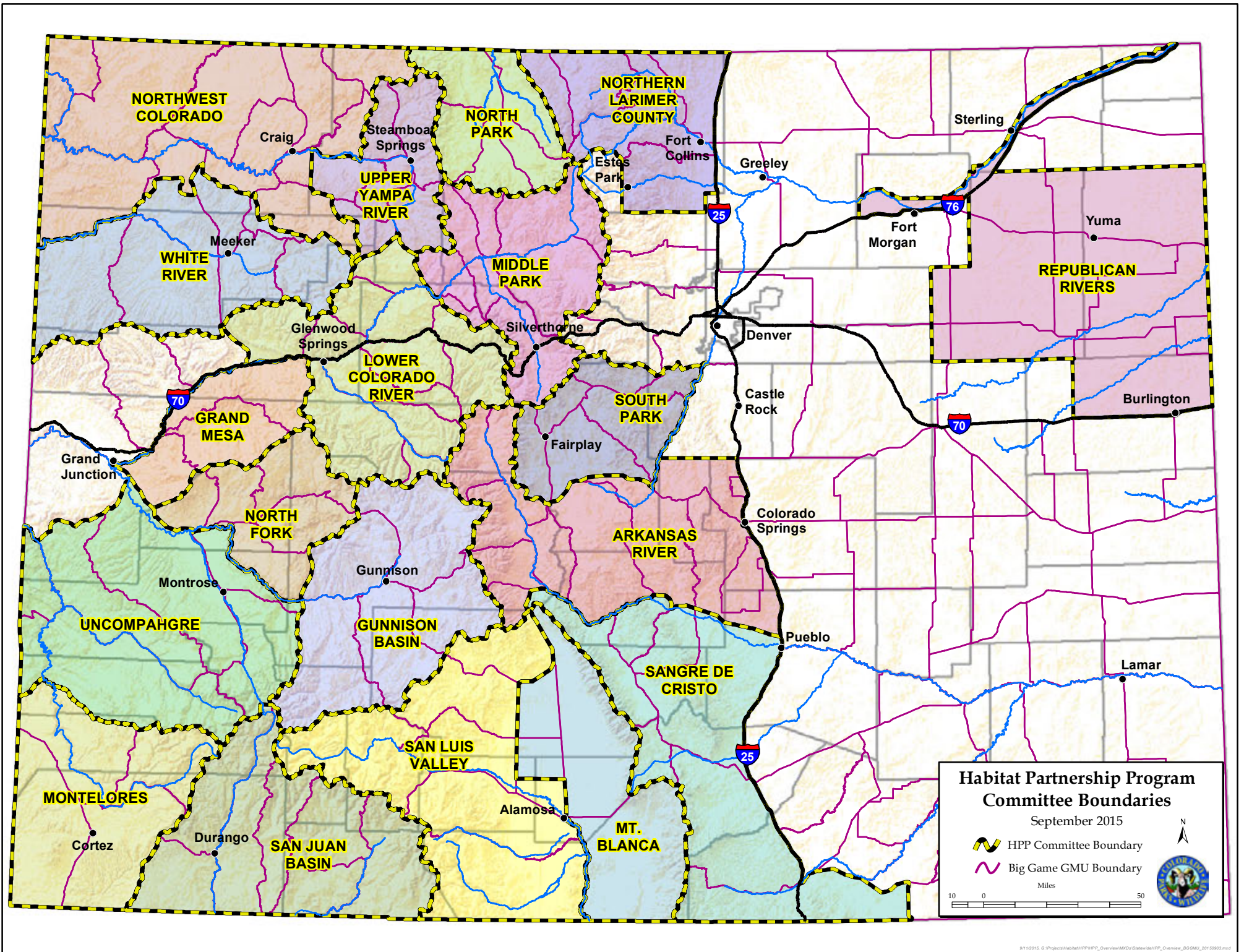
Grand Mesa Committee
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS

Uncompahgre Committee
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS

White River Committee
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS

**Upper Yampa River
Committee**
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS

Mount Blanca Committee
1 CPW
3 Livestock Growers
1 Sportsperson
1 BLM - 1 USFS
1 USFWS





Colorado Parks and Wildlife Habitat Partnership Program

Program Accomplishments, HPP and Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2017

Units	Description	Accomplishments
Acres Burned	Habitat Improved	7576
Acres Fertilized	Habitat Improved	10384
Acres Irrigated	Habitat Improved	60
Acres Mech. or Hand-Treated	Habitat Improved	3918
Acres of Weed Control	Habitat Improved	2041
Acres Seeded / Planted	Habitat Improved	2454
Cattle/Wildlife Exclosures	Built	1
Cattleguards, Gates, etc	Constructed	8
Fertilizer Vouchers	Projects	23
Hunt Coords	Hired	3
Miles of New Fence	of New Fence Built	25
Plans	Written	4
Proj-repair, vouchers, etc	for Minor Fence Repair	321
Seeding/Planting	Projects	0
Stackyards	Materials Provided	6
Tons	of Forage Purchased	440
Travel Mgmt	Projects	1
Vinyl Rolls	Provided	103
Water Dev	Built and/or Maintained	200
Weed control projects	Projects	81

'Acres of Weed Control' is used when a treatment has been applied to a specific area and the acreage can be accurately determined.

'Weed control projects' is used when a treatment has been applied over a large area and the acreage cannot be accurately determined and if used, would inflate the actual number of acres treated. Costs vary greatly depending on scope of the project.

'Water Dev' denotes many types of water projects, such as the cleanout of an existing pond, well drilling, solar pump installations, new pond creation, spring development, pipeline installation, holding tanks and tire tanks. Costs vary greatly depending on the scope of the project.

Note:

Project accomplishments are shown as whole units but may have been rounded from actual project numbers.



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Program Accomplishments, HPP and Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2017

Type	#Projects	Detail
Information/Education	5	
Monitoring/Research	3	
Other	1	Archeological Clearances
Other	5	Conservation Easements (Landowner Transaction Costs Only)



**Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Habitat Partnership Program**

HPP Program Costs and Hours by GBL, Fiscal Year 2017

GBL	Description	Total Cost	HPP Cost	Match \$	In-Kind \$	In-Kind Hrs
ADM	Administrative	\$274,306.45	\$274,306.45	\$0.00	\$0.00	1250
FEN	Fencing	\$495,712.23	\$290,358.90	\$162,253.53	\$43,099.80	5717
GDM	Game Damage	\$102,055.39	\$83,309.45	\$10,336.65	\$8,409.29	185
INF	Information/Education	\$9,040.19	\$2,770.19	\$2,700.00	\$3,570.00	15
MAN	Habitat Manipulation	\$3,096,548.32	\$1,032,154.55	\$1,517,373.16	\$547,020.61	9876
MTC	Maintenance	\$1,098.11	\$437.31	\$403.30	\$257.50	64
OTH	Other	\$3,630,247.06	\$35,710.00	\$1,887,612.06	\$1,706,925.00	40
RES	Monitoring & Research	\$58,911.61	\$48,911.61	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	0
Totals:		\$7,667,919.36	\$1,767,958.46	\$3,580,678.70	\$2,319,282.20	17147



Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Habitat Partnership Program
Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2017
Summary of Committee Finances

Committee	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	Total Expenses	Private Cost	Public Cost	In-Kind Hrs
Arkansas River	\$62,148.63	\$34,101.60	\$14,279.55	\$110,529.78	\$12,222.01	\$49,425.93	3532
Grand Mesa	\$73,640.48	\$24,945.16	\$5,530.00	\$104,115.64	\$67,110.48	\$6,530.00	991
Gunnison Basin	\$63,252.61	\$22,267.50	\$61,382.80	\$146,902.91	\$825.25	\$62,175.16	785
Lower Colorado River	\$55,357.53	\$716,234.78	\$584,325.00	\$1,355,917.31	\$41,857.53	\$3,500.00	202
Middle Park	\$81,301.44	\$187,569.32	\$5,539.00	\$274,409.76	\$46,493.03	\$32,965.80	726
Montelores	\$69,833.67	\$24,334.89	\$15,544.95	\$109,713.51	\$61,045.13	\$8,446.00	357
Mount Blanca	\$82,183.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82,183.67	\$81,676.19	\$0.00	425
North Fork Gunnison	\$72,648.04	\$16,852.55	\$23,842.00	\$113,342.59	\$69,521.67	\$2,830.96	475
North Park	\$19,198.61	\$5,484.15	\$5,280.00	\$29,962.76	\$19,022.42	\$0.00	1013
Northern Larimer County	\$20,409.62	\$140,121.16	\$10,400.00	\$170,930.78	\$15,647.12	\$0.00	426
Northwest Colorado	\$166,092.06	\$657,004.37	\$456,563.00	\$1,279,659.43	\$148,592.06	\$12,500.00	603
Republican Rivers	\$12,402.04	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,402.04	\$2,391.73	\$9,042.47	125
San Juan Basin	\$162,224.55	\$323,300.00	\$249,701.84	\$735,226.39	\$64,549.48	\$92,354.33	2173
San Luis Valley	\$50,286.08	\$83,675.30	\$34,039.50	\$168,000.88	\$3,548.17	\$37,305.63	451
Sangre de Cristo	\$85,850.99	\$98,326.54	\$2,220.00	\$186,397.53	\$38,788.20	\$46,612.94	2817
South Park	\$44,365.98	\$58,149.00	\$36,379.12	\$138,894.10	\$5,511.51	\$38,729.02	618
State Council	\$268,853.59	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$268,853.59			60
Uncompahgre	\$166,949.91	\$345,564.99	\$73,721.15	\$586,236.05	\$101,556.40	\$65,018.80	960
Upper Yampa River	\$28,059.05	\$743,439.54	\$708,679.29	\$1,480,177.88	\$22,823.81	\$0.00	229
White River	\$182,899.91	\$93,307.85	\$31,855.00	\$308,062.76	\$124,171.17	\$11,032.50	179
HPP Program Totals:	\$1,767,958.46	\$3,580,678.70	\$2,319,282.20	\$7,667,919.36	\$927,353.36	\$478,469.54	17147



Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Habitat Partnership Program
Project Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2017

HPP Program Totals

Cooperator Name	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	In-Kind Hrs
BLM		\$118,250.13	\$23,670.00	106
BLM Grazing Adv Board		\$7,207.00	\$0.00	1
College/Univ		\$0.00	\$0.00	320
County Gov't		\$1,866,429.32	\$15,000.00	70
CPW		\$165,792.75	\$50,228.41	652
CSFS		\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00	0
HPP Committee Members		\$0.00	\$70.00	1181
Local Govt		\$4,337.50	\$2,000.00	400
Local Land Trust		\$0.00	\$2,000.00	40
Local Soil Cons. Dist		\$700.00	\$0.00	180
Local Weed Control Dist		\$10,000.00	\$0.00	4
MDF		\$6,000.00	\$0.00	80
NRCS		\$113,546.81	\$3,330.00	45
NWTF		\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0
Other Wildlife Group		\$560.00	\$0.00	0
Private Business/Org		\$297.24	\$0.00	0
Private Landowner/Permittee		\$624,053.22	\$1,917,534.44	7355
RMEF		\$138,604.00	\$0.00	0
SLB		\$30,500.00	\$0.00	0
State Gov't		\$24,854.85	\$1,484.55	5300
UP Project		\$1,250.00	\$200.00	0
USFS		\$429,595.88	\$282,264.80	1413
USFWS		\$12,200.00	\$0.00	0
Totals	\$1,767,958.46	\$3,580,678.70	\$2,319,282.20	17147