



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Uncompahgre HPP Committee

Zoom Videoconference

September 1st, 2021

6:30 p.m.

Uncompahgre HPP Members Present: Dave Alexander, Livestock Grower; Bobby Gray, Sportsman; Kelly Crane, CPW; Thane Stranathan, BLM; Bob Black, Livestock Grower; Loren Paulson, USFS

Guests: Troy Latham

Introduction: Committee members were introduced. The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$29,326.00.

New Business:

1. Troy Latham presented a fencing proposal. The existing fence is a boundary fence between private and the USFS on Sawmill Mesa. 1.5 miles of the fence is in severe disrepair and does not properly contain livestock, as well as presenting entanglement risks for big game. The proposal consists of removing the fence and replacing it with wildlife-friendly fence to HPP specs including crossings at high-traffic points. The committee requested breaking the project into multiple phases, and approved \$5,000 for .5 miles of fence materials. The committee will provide 2 rolls of white wire.
2. The committee reviewed a fencing project from the Bear Claw subdivision. The area experiences heavy use by deer, elk, and moose, and the existing fence between the subdivision and the USFS is in severe disrepair. The committee discussed guidelines relating to funding projects in subdivisions. While the fence presents entanglement risks for big game, there is not sufficient habitat within the small private land parcels, and no agricultural involvement. The project was denied due to not meeting HPP objectives.

Next Meeting: November 10th @ 6:30pm