

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Northwest Colorado HPP Committee Craig Chamber of Commerce - 775 Yampa Ave Craig, CO May 19, 2022 6:00 pm

<u>Northwest Colorado HPP Members Present:</u> Evan Jones- CPW, Sean Durham- Livestock Grower, Gary Visintainer- Livestock Grower, Gary Nichols- Sportsperson, Curtis Keetch- USFS

Guests: Jesse Schroeder

Introductions: Committee members and guests were introduced.

<u>Budget Report:</u> The budget was fully encumbered at the August 16th meeting. All additional budget encumbrances for FY22, through June 30, 2022, will be funded with approval from Michael Blanck, HPP Manager.

Old Business: The minutes from the April 8th meeting were approved as written.

New Business:

1. Moffat County Weed Management- Jesse Schroeder presented the annual weed control project that provides aggressive weed management across the county to reduce noxious weed stands on private property. This annual project is a partnership between several private landowners, Moffat County, and HPP to decrease noxious weeds and increase available forage for livestock and wildlife. Jesse also mentioned that cricket populations across the county have had detrimental effects on forage and that he could incorporate cricket control into the project. The committee was in support of targeting noxious weeds and crickets for the combined effort of improving forage availability. The project was approved for up to \$5,000 for FY22 and an additional \$5,000 for FY23.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:

1. Upcoming Site Visit- The committee discussed tentatively scheduling project site visits on June 27th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 pm.