



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES November 15, 2022 Virtual/Conference Call

Committee Members present:

- Aaron Atwood, Livestock Grower
- Joe Moore, Livestock Grower
- Jeff Williams, BLM Rangeland Management Specialist
- Stephanie Shively, USFS Wildlife Biologist
- Brett McMurry, Livestock Grower (Telephone)
- Ron Goodrich, Sportsman (Virtual)
- Sean Shepherd

Administrative Assistant:

- Kimberly Berscheid

Guests:

Zach Baker - Assistant AWM, Kail Glenn - Property Tech, Vickie Russo - USFS, Bethany Freeman - USFS, Sheila Lamb - USFS.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Budget Report

The budget was reviewed.

Old Business

The meeting minutes were approved.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

Buena Vista Workstation Weed Project - Zach Baker and Kail Glenn

Zach and Kale are asking the committee for \$3,000 to pay for the herbicide to treat 67.8 acres of noxious weeds in the State Wildlife Area. CPW will be providing labor and equipment to spray the herbicide chemicals. An objective of the project is to pull town deer to stay on the property by reducing noxious weeds and increasing forage. This would potentially open up hunting opportunities in the future. The project will begin in the spring of 2023 and will continue throughout the summer to ensure proper application. **The project was approved for \$3,000 for FY2023 to purchase herbicide.**

Hayden Ranch Well Pump - Jeff Williams

Jeff is asking the committee for \$5,000 to pay for materials to install a solar pump on an existing well. The well is located on BLM land that provides habitat for elk and pronghorn year round. Currently, the only water source nearby is Box Creek. The creek is only accessible from certain pastures, reducing the grazing rotation capabilities and increasing the pressure on riparian habitat. The solar pump will be installed on an existing well and will be plumbed into an existing pipeline to service 3 stock tanks. **The project was approved for \$5,000 for FY2023 to purchase materials. Jeff Williams abstained from voting.**

Slater Creek Pasture Fence - Sheila Lamb

Sheila is asking the committee for \$33,000 to pay for labor to install a new boundary fence on the Slater Creek Allotment Pasture. The current boundary fence is in disrepair and no longer secure for livestock. A new fence would allow for the entire 3,300 acres to be utilized as prescribed by the grazing management plan. The area is heavily used by elk and deer so installing a wildlife-friendly fence with high visibility top wire and a crossing is imperative to reducing entanglements and damage. **The project was approved for \$5,000 and will be sent to State Council for the remaining funding.**

Remaining committee business/other discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Next meeting: TBD