



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Upper Yampa River HPP Committee Meeting
January 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm
Zoom

Committee Members Present:

- Kyle Bond - CPW
- Jeff Clyncke - Livestock Grower
- Larry Monger - Livestock Grower
- Nita Naugle - Livestock Grower
- Cedric Damby - Sportsman
- Eric Scherff - BLM (proxy)
- Baili Foster - USFS (proxy)

Attendees Present:

Michael Blanck- CPW
Kris Middledorf- CPW

Administrative Assistant Present:

Marian Cole

Introductions

Committee members and attendees were introduced.

Budget Report

The remaining budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$15,092.07. All additional budget encumbrances for through June 30, 2023 (FY23), will be funded with approval from Michael Blanck, HPP Manager.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the November 7th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

CPW Routt County Elk Collars- Kyle Bond and Kris Middledorf presented a project to purchase collars for approximately 20 elk in Routt County. This project would be a continuation of the elk collaring project that the committee had assisted in funding in previous years. The goal of this project is to purchase and implement GPS collars on cow elk to monitor the impacts of recreational development of the Mad Creek to Rabbit Ears Trail Proposal within the Routt National Forest. Initial collaring efforts over the past four years collected beneficial baseline information on elk distribution and movements surrounding the existing recreational areas. The next collaring effort would help to expand data on elk response during and after new trail development and increased backcountry use. Capturing how elk respond to new trail system development and backcountry use will be very important in determining future herd

management objectives and decisions. The project was approved for up to \$16,250.00.

*Administrative Note- \$1,157.93 of project funding approved by the HPP Manager.

Roundtable

The committee shared they would like to see collar data from the previously funded elk collars at the next meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:10 pm.