



## HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

North Fork HPP Committee Meeting  
June 20, 2023 at 6:30 pm  
Hotchkiss, CO

### Committee Members Present:

- Andrew Taylor - CPW (proxy)
- Ross Allen - Livestock Grower
- Steve Kossler - Livestock Grower
- Jess Campbell - Livestock Grower
- VACANT - Sports person
- Ken Holsinger - BLM
- Kyler McCarrel - USFS

### Attendees Present:

Cody DeGuelle- Applicant  
Brandon Diamond- CPW  
Kevin Bryan- CPW  
Codi Inloes- Williams- CPW

### Administrative Assistant Present:

Kale Watson

### Introductions

Committee members and guests were introduced.

### Budget Report

FY24 budget- The budget balance at the start of the meeting was \$105,000.00.

### Old Business

The minutes from the April 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

### New Business

DeGuelle Pond- Cody DeGuelle presented a pond project to the committee. The project site sits in important big game habitat that experiences year-round use by deer and seasonal use by elk and moose. The scope of the project includes cleaning 3 existing ponds on the property that have built up silt. These ponds hold water into the winter for big game, which helps keep them up on the property longer and helps keep them off the highway corridor. **The project was approved for a \$1,500.00 pond voucher.**

McClusky SWA Weed Control- The committee reviewed the McClusky SWA annual weed control project. McClusky SWA currently has noxious weed infestations on the property that reduce habitat quality. Removing noxious weeds will help improve forage quality and availability, and prevent further spread to adjacent private lands. **The project was approved for \$5,000.00.**

Delta County Weed Management Project- The committee reviewed the annual Delta County Weed Management project. Each year this program treats noxious weeds on hundreds of acres of public and private lands within Delta and Montrose counties. **The project was approved for \$20,000.00.**

FY24 Voucher Programs- The committee reviewed and approved voucher programs for FY24 as follows:

- a. **Herbicide Vouchers- The committee approved \$2,000.00 for herbicide vouchers, distributed in \$200.00 increments; at DWM discretion.**
- b. **Fence Vouchers- Approved for \$4,000.00 for fence vouchers, distributed in \$500.00 increments; at DWM discretion.**
- c. **Fertilizer/Seed Vouchers- The committee discussed changing the fertilizer voucher program to a fertilizer/seed voucher program. Landowners will apply for either seed or fertilizer and a price per acre will be determined based on the number of acres applied for. The committee approved \$42,000.00 for fertilizer/seed vouchers.**
- d. **Pond Vouchers- The committee approved \$5,000.00 for pond vouchers, distributed in \$1,000.00 increments; at DWM discretion.**

### Remaining Committee Business

Sportsperson Vacancy- Adam Gall resigned from the committee, leaving an open Sportsperson position. The committee will hold interviews at the next committee meeting.

Meeting Schedule- The next meeting is TBD.

### Roundtable

Virtual Fence- The committee had a discussion about virtual fencing and the potential for virtual fence projects coming to the table in the future.

Game Damage- The committee had a discussion about game damage issues and the potential for the committee to help compensate landowners for the troubles they are experiencing.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.