



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

North Park HPP Committee Meeting
March 29, 2023 at 1:00 pm
River Rock Cafe- Walden, CO

Committee Members Present:

- Jacob Way - CPW
- Jim Baller Jr. (proxy)- Livestock Grower
- Blaine Evans - Livestock Grower
- Danny Meyring (proxy)- Livestock Grower
- Todd Peterson (proxy)- Sportsperson
- Vacant - BLM
- Vacant - USFS
- Keely Lopez - USFWS

Attendees Present:

Zach Weaver- CPW
Johnathan Lambert- CPW
Blair Rynearson- CSFS

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 \$52,947.50.

Old Business

Minutes- The minutes from the January 24th meeting were approved as written.

New Business

CSFS/SFSP Thinning- Blair Rynearson presented a thinning project that would thin approximately 270 acres of lodge pole pines. Most of the mature lodge pole stands suffered high overstory mortality from the mountain pine beetle outbreak. Where younger stands have grown back, the excessive number of small trees are crowded and limiting tree growth. The dense treed areas are devoid of browse and limit forage availability for big game and livestock on the allotment. Thinning the dense pines would increase forage and improve overall habitat for wildlife, and potentially increase big game holding capacity to aid in keeping more animals on public land. The committee discussed the duration of project occurring in both this fiscal year and next fiscal year. The committee preferred to expend funds still available in the FY23 budget if a portion of the project could be completed by June 30th. The project was approved for up to \$40,000.00.

Fence Voucher Applications- The committee increased the fence voucher program for a total budget allocation of to \$10,000.00. The committee reviewed fence voucher applications and approved the following:

<u>Hackleman/Dunaway</u>		<u>VanValkenburg Cattle</u>		<u>Meyring Livestock Co.</u>	
Wood Posts	-	Wood Posts	30	Wood Posts	20
T-Posts	40	T-Posts	30	T-Posts	30
Barbed Wire	-	Barbed Wire	1	Barbed Wire	-
Smooth Wire	-	Smooth Wire	1	Smooth Wire	1
Staples lbs.	10	Staples	50	Staples lbs.	50
<u>VanValkenburg Family</u>		<u>Evans Land Co.</u>		<u>Baller Ranch</u>	
Wood Posts	20	Wood Posts	5	Wood Posts	10
T-Posts	20	T-Posts	30	T-Posts	15
Barbed Wire	1	Barbed Wire	-	Barbed Wire	1
Smooth Wire	2	Smooth Wire	1	Smooth Wire	-
Staples lbs.	25	Staples lbs.	25	Staples lbs.	25

Stackyard Applications- The committee acknowledged that stackyard materials provided by Game Damage are based on standard Game Damage stackyard size specifications. Landowners/managers must source their own materials needed for modifications to the standard specs. The committee reviewed stackyard applications and approved the following:

Anderson Ranch Stackyard- The committee reviewed an application for a 660 stackyard. The landowner qualifies for game damage materials. The project was preapproved for FY24 for up to 75% of labor costs to construct the stackyard.

Haworth Ranch Stackyard- The committee reviewed an application for a replacement stackyard. The stackyard was outside of the 30 year mark and does qualify for game damage materials. Blaine abstained from the approval decision. The project was preapproved for FY24 for up to 75% of labor costs to construct the stackyard.

Remaining Committee Business

Upcoming Meeting- The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for June 7th.

Roundtable

The committee discussed their white wire inventory and possible uses. Additionally, the committee discussed two potential projects, one for willow exclosures and another for virtual fence.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:00 pm.