



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

North Fork HPP Committee

Maloney House, Delta County Fairgrounds

April 26th, 2016

7:00 p.m.

North Fork HPP Members Present: Ken Holsinger, BLM; Ross Allen, Livestock Grower; Cody Purcell, CPW; Steve Kossler, Livestock Grower; Jess Campbell, Livestock Grower; Dennis Garrison, USFS

Guests: Stuart Sinclair, CPW; Andrew Taylor, CPW; J Wenum, CPW; Adam Gall, Landowner; Kevin Blecha, CPW

Introduction: Committee members were introduced. The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$38,150.00.

Old Business:

1. The committee unanimously agreed that they would like Adam Gall to fill the Sportsman Rep position. Katie will coordinate the necessary arrangements with the HPP Coordinator.

New Business:

1. Kevin Blecha, CPW Wildlife Biologist, gave a presentation on CPW's elk collar study for GMU 54. The research is being conducted to help identify patterns and drivers of elk movement across the GMU and across adjacent DAUs, in advance of CPW's upcoming DAU plan revisions. Elk are moving between GMUs and DAUs more than previously thought, which is presenting unique management challenges for CPW. The committee discussed implications of the research on DAU plans including license allocations, hunting opportunity, agricultural conflicts, and recreational impacts. HPP will likely be asked to comment on the DAU plan during the comment period of the planning process.

Other Business:

1. The area DWMs have given out several fence vouchers, which have been well-received so far. The committee is interested in continuing this project.
2. Andrew Taylor, DWM, has a potential seed project for the Lazy H Ranch. The seed would be applied to an irrigated field to re-invigorate forage growth in the area, which has been negatively impacted by big game consumption. Additionally, an herbicide purchase for continuing control of whitetop was proposed. The committee will schedule a phone conference to consider these projects with the proper public notice.

Next Meeting: Phone Conference: Monday, 5/1 6:00pm