



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Gunnison Basin HPP Committee

300 W. New York Ave, Gunnison CO 81230

July 27th, 2017

11:00 a.m.

Gunnison Basin HPP Members Present: Paul Mowery, Livestock Grower; Navid Navidi, Sportsman; Steve Guerrieri, Livestock Grower; Nick Gallowich, CPW; Kathy Brodhead, BLM; Matt Vasquez, USFS

Guests: J Wenum, CPW; Pat Tucker, CPW; Kevin Blecha, CPW

Introductions, Budget, & Old Business:

1. Katie Richman reviewed the end of FY17 budget. The budget for the new fiscal year was \$140,000.00, and with previously approved projects for FY18, the remaining budget at the start of the meeting was \$136,500.00.

New Business:

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

1. The committee reviewed the HPP expansion guidelines. After July 1st, habitat management and research projects that assist CPW with meeting game management objectives may be considered, provided that the committee still focuses primarily on resolving conflicts associated with fences and forage.
2. Kevin Blecha presented a research proposal. A study is currently taking place to examine interactions between elk and humans/habitats in the Gunnison Basin, and determine drivers of elk movement as well as distribution of elk between the basin and North Fork Valley. The objectives of the study are to understand elk habitat use with relation to conflict features; apply findings to DAU plans for better management/harvest; and develop habitat use maps for the region. In addition to helping CPW meet management objectives, the research should also help guide the committee's decision-making process in terms of identifying

conflict areas and solutions. The total funding request is \$59,000, which is anticipated to be funded from the State Council, or from local Gunnison and North Fork committees if the council does not approve the request. The committee supported the project going to the State Council in August, and will also provide partial funding if necessary.

Roundtable:

1. Kevin also gave a brief review of the DAU plan revision. A draft for HPP to review and comment on is anticipated in October, with changes to the plan expected to be implemented for 2018 licensing.
2. The Statewide HPP Meeting will be held in Grand Junction on December 5th – 7th, and suggestions for topics are encouraged.

Next Meeting: September 26th, 2017 – 11:00am