



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Montelores HPP Committee

Dolores Public Lands Center, Dolores, CO

June 13th, 2017

6:30 p.m.

HPP Members Present: Andy Brown, CPW; John Sheek, Sportsman; Eldon Simmons, Ag Producer; Tanner Young, Ag Producer; Nate West, BLM

Guests: Peter Foote (USFS) for Ivan Messinger; Lon Varnis

Introductions & Budget Report:

Committee members and guests were introduced. Katie gave a budget report and updates on current projects.

New Business:

Project Application Proposals and Reviews:

1. Wayne Gooddall and Lonnie Hensley fence projects were tabled, as the landowners were not present and no applications had been submitted.
2. Lon Varnis informed the committee of a potential seeding project for FY18. He owns 100 acres which primarily consist of PJ and some dryland forage. The land has not been grazed in 30+ years, and the landowner has been actively improving the land for wildlife habitat with thinning projects. Additional PJ thinning and mulching will take place in FY18, and the landowner would like to seed prior to the mastication work so that the equipment will drill the seed. The seed is estimated to cost \$10 – 12,000, but no seed mix has been finalized. The committee requested that Jim Garner (CPW) inspect the range conditions and recommend an appropriate seed mix, and noted that this could be a very beneficial project.
3. 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.
4. The committee approved \$24,100 for FY18 fertilizer projects. The guidelines for fertilizer projects include: \$15.00/acre with a maximum of \$4,000 per recipient; eligibility every 3rd

year; irrigated forage only (no row crops); must not file game damage claims; reimbursements for fertilizer purchased for spring growing season only.

Roundtable:

1. The statewide HPP meeting will be December 5th – 7th in Grand Junction.

Next Meeting: July 18, 2017 - 6:30pm