



**HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES**  
**USFS in Walden, CO**  
**March 31, 2017**  
**2:00pm**

**Introductions:** Members present were: DWM Josh Dilley/CPW, Danny Meyring/livestock grower, Blaine Evans/livestock grower, Jimmer Baller/livestock grower, Darrell Freeman/USFS, via phone: Zachary Hughes/BLM and Samantha Sorensen/CPW admin.  
Guests present were: Tara Wertz/USFWS

**General Public Comments:** N/A

**Budget:** A budget report was presented to committee members. The budget remaining at the beginning of the meeting was \$66,396.94. Samantha mentioned that the Holsinger Stackyards and the Bench Stackyard had been completed; evaluations on file for both.

**Old Business:** Minutes: Committee members were provided with a copy of the March 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes, they were approved as written.

**New Business:** Review Stackyard/Fence Damage Applications:

Blevins Stackyard: Silver Spur Ranch, Ragen Fletcher's piece. The ranch still has a few unprotected hay stacks. They are a part of the Ranching for Wildlife program so they're not eligible for game damage materials through CPW. HPP could purchase the materials as long as they build it or pay for the construction. The most recent stackyard built for them is at 25 and 14, Allen Jenkins constructed it. The committee approved to purchase materials for a 990 stackyard through CPW game damage, the landowner will need to cover construction. Sam and Josh will work together on submitting the game damage form.

Dave and Marcy Gruber are located on 24. This year they are having issues with elk, usually they go down to Coy Meyring's place but they've done such a good job deterring the elk there that they've moved to Dave and Marcy's. DWM Pepper provided them with 120 panels. They understand that permanent fencing is an option but are resistant to a stackyard. Dave submitted a request for materials through game damage already and is asking the committee to pay for materials he can use to increase the height of his existing 4 strand fence. The committee agreed they were hesitant to fund a project that wasn't guaranteed to solve the problem. Josh has spoken with Dave about a stackyard several times but he's not interested; it

was decided that he might be more receptive to a landowner and so one of the representatives will make an effort to contact him. The committee agreed to approve the construction of a stackyard(s) built to HPP standards up to 2000 linear feet (330, 660 & 990) if landowner agrees. Bids would be needed and a request for bids listed in a local newspaper.

The committee discussed fence material applications. It was explained that a landowner can put in a request for each property. Blaine pointed out that he puts a request for all of his properties on one form. He's not sure it's justified when a landowner applies for each property; he thinks the committee should add all requests from the same landowner together and give one approval. The committee approved the following fence requests:

Chris VanValkenburg

Ranches: VanValkenburg Cattle Co.,LLC

Wilcheck Ranch

Mossman Ranch

-35 wood posts

-55 steel posts

-0 barbed wire

-2 rolls twisted wire

-50 lbs. 2" staples

Dan Meyring

Meyring Livestock

-15 wood posts

-25 steel posts

-1 roll barbed wire

-0 twisted wire

-25 lbs. 2" staples

Jim Baller

Ranches: Baller Ranch

Funk Ranch

Rocky Mtn. Ranch

Fairbanks Daily News

-16 wood posts

-30 steel posts

-2 rolls barbed wire

-2 rolls twisted wire

-0 staples

Carl Trick

North Park Angus Ranch

-0 wood posts

-25 steel posts

-0 barbed wire

-1 roll twisted wire

-0 staples

Pete VanValkenburg

VanValkenburg Ranch

- 15 wood posts
- 25 steel posts
- 1 roll barbed wire
- 1 roll twisted wire
- 25 lbs. 2" staples

Blaine Evans

Evans Cattle Co.

- 8 wood posts
- 20 steel posts
- 1 roll barbed wire
- 1 roll twisted wire
- 25 lbs. 2" staples

Jack Lewis

Deer Creek

- 15 wood posts
- 20 steel posts
- 1 roll barbed wire
- 1 roll twisted wire
- 25 lbs. 2" staples

Total Timberline order:

Qty: 104 Item: 4" x 6.5' Wood Post (PT4612)

Qty: 200 Item: 5.5' Steel Post (tpost512133)

Qty: 6 Item: Rolls 12.5ga. Barbed Wire (BW2P12c1)

Qty: 8 Item: Rolls Twisted Barbless Wire (BWCABLE13cc)

Qty: 150 Item: LBS. of 2" Staples (BEK162837)

**Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion:** Weed Treatments on State Lands Closed to Public: It was reiterated that Janie would not be asking NPHPP for funds this year. Josh explained that Janie has treated Trophy Mtn. in the past but there is no public access and he wonders if HPP should continue to fund weed treatments in areas closed to the public. Blaine voiced his concern about weeds crossing the fence; Josh asked if that's HPP's concern. Zach suggested Janie tackle Trophy Mtn. not HPP. It was also decided that treatments on Adams should no longer be funded by HPP; Blandin sold to state, pulling Adams out of public access program.

The next meeting will be determined after Josh has had a chance to speak with Dave Gruber about a stackyard again.

**Roundtable:** Samantha asked if the committee had seen the ad for stackyard and fence applications in the Jackson County Star.

General discussion on elk movement and body condition.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:26PM.