



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

April 11th, 2018

Royal Gorge Field Office

Committee Members present:

- Jim Aragon, Colorado Parks and Wildlife AWM
- Aaron Atwood, Livestock Grower
- Joe Moore, Livestock Grower
- Ted Grover, Sportsperson
- Jeff Williams, BLM Rangeland Management Specialist
- Stephanie Shively, USFS Wildlife Biologist
- Brett McMurry, Livestock Grower

Administrative Assistant:

- Hanna Cook

Guests: Kim Woodruff (DWM), Nick Padilla (USFS Range specialist)

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM

Budget Report

The 2018 budget report was reviewed

Old Business

Tom Grette has been able to get a lot of work done with HPP funds this year. Kim would like to set up a summer tour with the committee to visit the project sites that Tom has been working on.

Stephanie let the committee know that the Limestone Ridge prescribed burn was completed this spring.

New Business

Project Application Proposals and Reviews

McMurry Land and Livestock Water Development-Calf Gulch

Brett is asking for \$1620 to purchase water development materials. Brett will be using a solar pump to move water from a spring to a tire tank. The water development will be on the property line of USFS and private property. The USFS will provide a solar pump and will provide materials and labor to build a fence around the riparian area to allow it to recover from previous overuse. Water will be kept in the tank year round for the benefit of wildlife. The permittee will complete labor. Two gates will be installed on the new fence that will be left open when livestock are not using the pasture. This will allow wildlife to still access the riparian

area, without allowing livestock to trample it. NEPA still needs to be completed. The project will begin after NEPA is secured. Brett will also need one 10 ft tire tank.

The project was approved for \$1620 plus one tire tank, contingent on NEPA approval.

Remaining committee business/other discussion

The committee's Habitat Management Plan (now called Distribution Management Plan) will be due for renewal soon. The committee will work with Hanna this fall to complete the renewal.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM

Next meeting: May 10th 10:00 AM at the BLM Office.

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