



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES
Craig Chamber of Commerce-360 East Victory Way
March 13, 2018
7:00PM

Introductions: Members attending the meeting were: DWM Evan Jones/CPW, Chad Green/Livestock Grower, Gary Nichols/Sportsperson, Gary Visintainer/Livestock Grower, Curtis Keetch/USFS and Admin. Samantha Sorensen/CPW. **Guests attending the meeting were:** Jake Hamill, Stan Sjostrom and Kendall Smith/NRCS.

General Public Comments: N/A

Budget Report: Samantha presented committee members with a budget report; the remaining balance was \$86,766.50.

Old Business: The minutes from February 13th were presented and approved as written.

New Business: FY19 Hamill Mountain Scrub Brush Management: Jake presented each committee member with a project application. He explained that Davy Cox would be doing the work and quoted them at \$375/acre. Evan pointed out that Jake has more elk than most on his feed lines. There is a lot of serviceberry present and Davy explained that they're like cutting rubber bands. He suggested Jake spray first. They're planning to treat on top of the ridges, not where it's real steep. Elk will do the work of maintaining the treated areas; when the shrubs are small and sprouting the elk will keep everything down. A lot of habitat work has been done on neighboring properties; working toward a landscape scale sized habitat improvement. Commercial hunting is allowed on the property. There's BLM to the south of the property. The committee approved \$16,287.00 for the FY19 project.

Remaining Committee Business/Other Discussion: Fence Voucher Landowner List: Samantha presented committee members with a list of landowners who had returned conflict forms thus far. The committee decided to increase voucher amounts to \$500.00 each.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 17th at 7:00pm.

Roundtable: N/A

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.