HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Montelores HPP Committee

Dolores Public Lands Center, Dolores, CO
September 18th, 2018
5:30 p.m.

HPP Members Present: Andy Brown, CPW; John Sheek, Sportsman; Ivan Messinger, USFS; Eldon Simmons, Landowner

Guests: Tyler Kersey, CPW; Rich & Yvonne Lopez, Landowners; Eddie Murphy, Landowner; Gayel Alexander, Landowner

Introductions & Budget Report:

Committee members and guests were introduced. The remaining budget at the start of the meeting was $75,900.00.

New Business:

1. The committee reviewed a fencing proposal from Richard Lopez. The existing fence is old and in severe disrepair, and the property experiences heavy use by deer that forage in the pasture and nearby alfalfa fields. Approximately 2800-feet of old fence would be removed, and new wildlife-friendly fence constructed. The project was approved for $3,000 for materials from Game Damage, and the committee will provide 4 rolls of ponyrail.

2. Gayel Alexander presented a pond cleanout proposal. The ponds that were cleaned out last year were successful and are now holding water. This pond experiences use by livestock and big game from spring through fall, but the pond has filled in with silt and the spillway has eroded such that it does not hold sufficient water. The proposal includes renting heavy equipment to clean out the pond and reconstruct the banks and spillway. The project was approved for $710.00.
Ms. Alexander also updated the committee on fencing projects from last fiscal year. The materials were acquired in the fall of 2017 and work on the fences was completed in summer of 2018 after issues with the contractor were resolved. There are two additional fence lines that will be repaired and/or reconstructed as needed this fall. HPP will provide ponyrail for sections of fence in heavy migration corridors.

3. The committee reviewed the fertilizer voucher program rules. Fertilizer applications were approved as follows: Eddie Murphy, $900 (60 acres).

Next Meeting: November 27, 5:30pm