



HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM MEETING MINUTES

Montelores HPP Committee

Dolores Public Lands Center, Dolores, CO

August 27th, 2019

6:30 p.m.

HPP Members Present: Andy Brown, CPW; John Sheek, Sportsman; George West, Livestock Grower; Nate West, BLM; Ivan Messinger, USFS; Eldon Simmons, Livestock Grower

Guests: Tyler Kersey, CPW

Introductions & Budget Report:

The ending budget from FY19 was reviewed. The remaining FY20 budget at the start of the meeting was \$107,500.00.

New Business:

1. The committee approved annual voucher allocations as follows: Fence Vouchers - \$3,000; Fertilizer Vouchers - \$24,100. Landowners may claim up to three \$300 fence vouchers per fiscal year; landowners may file for fertilizer vouchers every 3rd year for \$15.00 per irrigated acre, capped at \$4,000.
2. The committee reviewed the current Habitat Management Plan and discussed updates, with particular focus on updating conflict areas, eligibility rules and management strategies. Katie will continue to work with the DMP and produce a draft for the next meeting.

Other Business/Roundtable:

1. Ivan Messinger updated the committee on the Lake Canyon thinning project and provided photos. The crew made great progress in removing the “junk” from the understory and the initial vegetation regeneration looks good. USFS will present the proposal for the burn phase of the project at a later meeting.
2. The Statewide Meeting will be held in Grand Junction from December 3-5.

Next Meeting: November 5th, 5:30pm