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TO: Colorado Wildlife Commission
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Members, Agriculture, Livestock, Natural Resources Committee, Colorado House of
Representatives
Members, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy Committee, Colorado State Senate

FROM: Thomas E. Remington, Director, Colorado Division of Wildlife

DATE:

RE: FY 10 Habitat Partnership Program Annual Report

As required by statute, attached please find the FY 10 report for the Habitat Partnership Program (HPP). HPP is authorized by the State Legislature and the Colorado Wildlife Commission to “reduce wildlife conflicts, particularly those associated with forage and fence issues, and to assist the Division of Wildlife in meeting game management objectives through duties as deemed appropriate by the Director.” HPP is funded by 5% of big game (deer, elk, antelope, moose) license revenues from HPP areas, which in FY 10 was \$2,317,416. This amount was \$280,728 less than in FY 09.

In FY 10, 19 local HPP committees and the State Council, made up of more than 100 volunteer members representing livestock growers, sportsmen, federal land management agencies and the DOW met throughout the year across much of Colorado to cooperatively discuss and resolve conflicts between big game wildlife and agricultural operators. HPP has strong support at the local level due to the makeup of the local committees and their ability with dedicated funding to implement projects on the ground quickly. Two key benefits of the HPP program are the strong communication and dialogue that takes place among all participants with different perspectives and the subsequent partnerships that are developed to identify and resolve local problems.

As mentioned above, HPP’s FY 10 budget was impacted by the decline in big game license sales. In addition to the decline of license revenues, matching contributions from our partners also declined. Despite this, \$2.11 million dollars of HPP money was leveraged with nearly \$5.47 million dollars of partner money and in kind services and more than 29,000 hours of labor were contributed by HPP partners in our efforts to reduce conflicts.

Local HPP committees are involved in many diverse projects, including habitat improvements and fencing materials. Habitat improvement projects are a priority for most committees and are seen as the best long term solution to resolving conflicts by improving range and habitat conditions for the long term for both wildlife and livestock. Typical habitat improvement projects include weed control, prescribed burning, fertilization, seeding, water developments and shrub and tree cutting and may occur on both public and private lands.

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Resolving fence damage issues was one of the original purposes of HPP and most local committees furnish fence repair materials to landowners who have incurred damages. This continues to be very well received by landowners. Providing these materials acknowledges the ongoing damages landowners sustain from wildlife and the expenses that they incur to maintain their fences.

As you can see from the enclosed reports, HPP committees are involved in many different types of projects. The flexibility of HPP makes it an ideal program to resolve these challenges. HPP and our many active partners seek out and respond to local issues which continue to make this program a success.

The figures used in this report are gathered from projects approved in FY 10. If the project has been completed, actual costs and accomplishment figures are used. If the project is incomplete, original estimates provided at the time of approval are used. As approved projects are completed, it's likely that the final figures will change as accomplishments and costs are finalized.

There is much more detailed information available about the HPP program and projects undertaken by the local committees. If you have any specific questions or would like to see additional information, please contact Pat Tucker, HPP Coordinator, at (970) 255-6188 or via email at pat.tucker@state.co.us.



Colorado Division of Wildlife
Habitat Partnership Program
Project Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2010

HPP Program Totals

Cooperator Name	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	In-Kind Hrs
	\$496,645.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
BLM	\$150,673.93	\$382,206.98	\$69,000.00	432
BLM Grazing Adv Board	\$12,500.00	\$23,200.00	\$3,200.00	0
College/Univ	\$9,777.94	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	102
County Gov't	\$34,196.56	\$170,955.57	\$57,000.00	2292
CSFS	\$6,903.90	\$6,563.00	\$2,400.00	80
DOW	\$73,882.37	\$58,721.00	\$20,167.00	264
GOCO	\$750.00	\$535,525.00	\$0.00	0
HPP Committee Members	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2875
HPP State Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	150
Local Govt	\$13,928.00	\$21,000.00	\$750.00	100
Local Land Trust	\$750.00	\$14,000.00	\$4,180.00	0
Local Soil Cons. Dist	\$2,835.00	\$3,675.00	\$0.00	0
Local Weed Control Dist	\$6,625.00	\$32,000.00	\$11,463.43	60
MDF	\$26,029.37	\$22,500.00	\$0.00	120
NPS	\$903.90	\$0.00	\$600.00	20
NRCS	\$105,288.16	\$234,689.00	\$329,230.00	16
NWTF	\$5,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	30
Other HPP Committee	\$6,145.79	\$4,999.00	\$9,239.63	0
Other Wildlife Group	\$17,079.88	\$64,020.00	\$5,000.00	400



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Habitat Partnership Program

Project Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2010

Cooperator Name	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	In-Kind Hrs
Owl Mtn Partnership	\$10,500.00	\$10,620.12	\$0.00	20
Private Business/Org	\$37,428.33	\$154,500.00	\$10,000.00	50
Private Landowner	\$770,030.54	\$629,914.29	\$1,513,607.00	17900
Private Local Assoc.	\$2,611.27	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	120
RMEF	\$51,498.21	\$101,700.00	\$0.00	0
SLB	\$10,321.82	\$47,000.00	\$0.00	0
State Gov't	\$8,070.54	\$47,300.00	\$1,500.00	100
UP Project	\$1,773.33	\$5,250.00	\$800.00	520
USFS	\$241,885.59	\$591,098.00	\$159,237.00	1863
USFWS	\$7,867.48	\$4,504.00	\$6,280.00	260
USGS	\$566.41	\$0.00	\$1.00	200
Totals	\$2,112,468.50	\$3,224,780.61	\$2,265,455.06	29414

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Habitat Partnership Program

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Program Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2010

Units	Description	Accomplishments
Acres Burned	Habitat Improved	6500.00
Acres Fertilized	Habitat Improved	8188.00
Acres Irrigated	Habitat Improved	360.00*
Acres Mech. or Hand -Treated	Habitat Improved	4732.10
Acres of Weed Control	Habitat Improved	10436.75*
Acres Seeded / Planted	Habitat Improved	2890.00
Cattle/Wildlife Exclosures	Built	3.00
Cattleguards, Gates, etc	Constructed	20.00
Hazing	Projects	10.00
Hunt Coords	Hired	9.00
Miles of New Fence	of New Fence Built	49.59
Plans	Written	6.00
Proj repair,vouchers,etc	for Minor Fence Repair	585.00
Stackyards	Materials Provided	23.00
Tons	of Forage Purchased	293.80
Vinyl Rolls	Provided	124.00
Water Dev	Built and/or Maintained	81.00*
Weed control projects	Projects	221.00*

* - HPP uses acres for those projects that have had a treatment applied to the land and the acreages can be accurately assessed. If acreages cannot be accurately determined, the project is accounted for in a separate line on this report.

Example 1: 360 acres were directly irrigated by HPP projects in FY10. Additionally, 81 separate water developments such as spring developments, pond creation and pond clearings were also done in addition to the projects that directly irrigated 360 acres.

Example 2: 10,436.75 acres of weed control was done in FY10. Additionally, 221 separate weed projects were also done to treat weeds, primarily by small random spot treatments across a larger area. If the acreage of the entire area had been used for these types of projects when only parts of the area had been actually treated, the accomplishments would have been inflated.



Habitat Partnership Program

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Program Accomplishments, Fiscal Year 2010

Type	#Projects	Detail
Information/Education	4	
Monitoring/Research	5	
Archeological Clearances	7	
Conservation Easements (transaction costs)	3	

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Colorado Division of Wildlife
Habitat Partnership Program
Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2010
Summary of Committee Finances

Committee	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	Total Expenses	Private Cost	Public Cost	In-Kind Hrs
Arkansas River	\$118,475.05	\$76,078.00	\$53,060.00	\$247,613.05	\$75,384.59	\$36,372.67	1710
Grand Mesa	\$128,547.10	\$244,572.80	\$35,700.00	\$422,819.90	\$113,623.21	\$5,697.50	2165
Gunnison Basin	\$52,529.76	\$33,385.00	\$38,623.00	\$124,537.76	\$20,034.45	\$24,918.30	1083
Lower Colorado River	\$117,183.22	\$112,030.00	\$33,437.00	\$264,150.22	\$55,433.63	\$50,687.50	2143
Middle Park	\$97,078.39	\$409,601.32	\$24,500.00	\$641,179.71	\$39,640.92	\$43,855.09	375
Montelores	\$35,224.67	\$554,697.11	\$1,013,180.00	\$1,603,101.78	\$18,890.84	\$1,833.83	1066
Mount Blanca	\$169,750.06	\$92,000.00	\$368,050.00	\$629,800.06	\$158,220.60	\$0.00	150
North Fork Gunnison	\$152,732.09	\$32,000.00	\$12,101.00	\$196,833.09	\$89,603.37	\$56,237.63	875
North Park	\$59,830.14	\$47,620.12	\$32,911.00	\$143,361.26	\$22,249.14	\$23,819.22	673
Northern Larimer County	\$55,852.75	\$46,550.01	\$6,763.43	\$109,166.19	\$22,910.18	\$25,349.60	610
Northwest Colorado	\$121,196.26	\$277,595.05	\$237,980.00	\$636,771.31	\$90,978.79	\$24,338.81	4777
Republican Rivers	\$31,314.51	\$70,365.89	\$2,000.00	\$103,680.40	\$26,068.94	\$0.00	150
San Juan Basin	\$120,265.52	\$264,876.90	\$0.00	\$385,142.42	\$72,789.02	\$41,250.00	1610
San Luis Valley	\$59,201.07	\$35,800.00	\$15,200.00	\$110,201.07	\$6,537.01	\$45,965.06	814
Sangre de Cristo	\$60,896.16	\$20,007.00	\$55,600.00	\$136,503.16	\$46,470.33	\$9,526.14	290
South Park	\$67,459.07	\$10,674.00	\$13,850.00	\$91,983.07	\$28,433.53	\$32,708.16	1004
State Council	\$194,856.06	\$357,754.00	\$142,969.63	\$695,579.69	\$26,721.49	\$107,568.62	275
Uncompahgre	\$142,492.32	\$233,067.25	\$150,530.00	\$530,665.32	\$109,282.54	\$23,351.69	8280
Upper Yampa River	\$81,465.81	\$50,050.50	\$10,000.00	\$141,516.31	\$28,441.86	\$45,199.48	310
Yampa / White River	\$246,118.49	\$256,055.66	\$19,000.00	\$521,174.15	\$142,600.18	\$89,619.15	1054
HPP Program Totals:	\$2,112,468.50	\$3,224,780.61	\$2,265,455.06	\$7,735,779.92	\$1,194,314.62	\$688,298.45	29414

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**Colorado Division of Wildlife
Habitat Partnership Program**

HPP Program Costs and Hours by GBL 2010

GBL	Total Cost	HPP Cost	Match \$	In-Kind \$	In-Kind Hrs
ADM	\$127,338.13	\$127,338.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	3075
FEN	\$773,324.88	\$408,138.40	\$268,699.48	\$96,487.00	12282
GDM	\$170,039.85	\$129,369.85	\$15,660.00	\$23,510.00	500
INF	\$12,683.00	\$4,329.00	\$8,254.00	\$100.00	20
MAN	\$4,515,861.45	\$1,346,391.51	\$2,337,874.13	\$700,020.06	12915
MTC	\$3,146.60	\$3,146.60			
OTH	\$1,988,322.00	\$54,619.00	\$562,523.00	\$1,371,180.00	32
RES	\$145,064.01	\$39,136.01	\$31,770.00	\$74,158.00	590
Totals:	\$7,735,779.92	\$2,112,468.50	\$3,224,780.61	\$2,265,455.06	29414

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HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

ADM – administrative projects, ie. committee administrative assistants, State Council and local committee meeting costs and supplies, etc.

EQP – equipment purchased by committees for project work. (Prior approval needed and there are limitations on use.)

FEN – fencing projects, ie. new construction, repairs (may be labor and/or materials) to existing fences in problem areas, etc.

GBL – grant budget ledger. For HPP projects, the 9 GBL's are used to categorize the type of project being done, ie. adm, eqp, fen, etc.

GDM – game damage projects, ie. new stackyard construction, repairs to existing stackyards (may be labor and/or materials), forage purchases, hunt coordinators

INF – information and education projects, ie. brochures, web sites, seminars, workshops, etc

MAN – habitat manipulation projects, ie. prescribed burns, brush/tree treatments, fertilization, reseeding, weed control, water developments, etc.

MTC – maintenance, ie. supplies and ongoing maintenance for HPP owned equipment.

OTH – conservation easement transaction costs and archeological clearances

RES – monitoring and research projects, ie. inventory, habitat, movement studies

Match \$ - actual dollars contributed by a cooperator to a project

In-Kind \$ - goods or services provided by a cooperator to a project that has a dollar amount calculated for it.

In-Kind Hours – time contributed by a cooperator to complete a project.

HPP Cost – actual HPP dollars approved by a committee for a project

Total Cost – sum of HPP cost, match \$ and in kind \$ contributed to a project

Private Cost – HPP dollars spent on private land projects

Public Cost – HPP dollars spent on public land projects

Cooperator Abbreviations

BLM – Bureau of Land Management
CSFS – Colorado State Forest Service
DOW – Division of Wildlife
GOCO – Great Outdoors Colorado
MDF – Mule Deer Foundation
NPS – National Park Service
NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
NWTF – National Wild Turkey Federation
RMEF – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
SLB – State Land Board
TNC – The Nature Conservancy
UP Project – Uncompahgre Plateau Project
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
USFS – United States Forest Service
USFWS – United States Fish and Wildlife Service