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TO: Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission
Mike King, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources
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House of Representatives
Members, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy Committee, Colorado
State Senate

FROM: State Council, Habitat Partnership Program
Robert Broscheid, Director, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

DATE: December 16, 2013

RE: Habitat Partnership Program Annual Report – FY 2013

As required by statute, attached please find the FY 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013) report for the Habitat Partnership Program (HPP). HPP is authorized by the State Legislature and the Colorado Parks and 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, pronghorn, moose) license revenues from HPP areas, which in FY 2013 was \$2,105,347.

In FY 2013, 19 local HPP committees and the State Council, made up of nearly 150 volunteers representing livestock growers, sportsmen, federal land management agencies and CPW staff, met throughout the year across much of Colorado to cooperatively discuss and work towards reducing conflicts between big game wildlife and agricultural operators.

One of the founding principles for HPP was partnerships and this remains an integral part of the program today. The development of successful partnerships has allowed HPP to work with and establish relationships with many different people and agencies; it has allowed everyone to accomplish more at a lower cost than would have been possible if acting independently; we have accomplished projects that might not have been possible to do without them and our partnerships created opportunities for future work together. In FY 2013, more than \$1.711 million dollars of HPP money was leveraged with partnership contributions of \$5.344 million dollars, in kind services valued at more than \$4.431 million dollars and 21,978 hours of labor in the effort to reduce conflicts and meet management objectives.

STATE OF COLORADO

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When HPP was first conceived in the 1980's, addressing fence damage caused by big game was one of the original purposes for the program. Committees quickly developed ways to provide fence repair materials to landowners for minor damages and worked with landowners to design and build wildlife friendly fencing for bigger fencing projects for longer term solutions in problem areas. This effort often involves trying new techniques and materials. Fencing assistance remains an important part of the HPP program.

The HPP program also recognizes the need to work proactively on longer term projects, most notably habitat improvement projects. These projects, while usually more expensive and that take longer to plan, implement and see the results from, are viewed as the best long term solution to resolving conflicts by improving the quality and quantity of range and habitat resources for both wildlife and livestock. Typical habitat improvement projects include weed control, prescribed burning, fertilization, seeding, water developments and shrub and tree cutting. They occur on both public and private lands with a variety of public and private partnerships.

To increase HPP's success for habitat projects and to create a dialogue and forum in which to discuss projects and techniques, the State Council hosted a "habitat improvement" meeting in January 2013. This meeting was very well attended and by all accounts was very successful in providing a forum to learn and discuss projects. This highlights the importance of these efforts and the interest of the committees to achieve the best effective results for these projects.

HPP serves a vital function within Colorado Parks and Wildlife to address big game conflicts to private agricultural operators. HPP has been tremendously successful in resolving conflicts and building partnerships for more than 20 years. Many of the initial immediate problems HPP was created to address have been solved and, although committees are still attentive to immediate issues, they are now able to consider longer term and larger scale proactive projects such as the habitat projects noted above. This has created new opportunities with new partners interested in such work.

While the projects that are used to generate the enclosed reports have been completed in FY 2013, there may be slight adjustments in the final figures as accomplishments and costs are finalized.

There is much more detailed information available about the HPP program and projects undertaken by the local committees. Interested parties are encouraged to visit the HPP website, www.wildlife.state.co.us/landwater/privatelandprograms or contact the local Colorado Parks and Wildlife office for more program and project information.

If you have any specific questions or would like additional information, please contact Pat Tucker, HPP Coordinator, at (970) 255-6188 or via email at pat.tucker@state.co.us.

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations

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

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

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

GBL – for HPP projects, 9 GBL's are used to categorize the type of project being done, ie. ADM, EQP, FEN, GDM, INF, MAN, MTC, OTH, RES

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

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

INF – the GBL used for information and education projects, ie. brochures, web sites, seminars, workshops, etc.

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

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

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

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

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

OTH – the GBL used for conservation easement transaction costs and archeological clearances

Private Cost – HPP dollars spent on private land projects

Public Cost – HPP dollars spent on public land projects

RES – the GBL used for project monitoring and research projects, ie. inventory, habitat, movement studies and project evaluation and monitoring

Total Cost – sum of HPP cost, matching funds and in kind funds contributed to a project

COOPERATOR ABBREVIATIONS

BLM – Bureau of Land Management
CSFS – Colorado State Forest Service
CPW – Colorado Parks and Wildlife
GOCO – Great Outdoors Colorado
MDF – Mule Deer Foundation
NPS – National Park Service
NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service
NWTF - National Wild Turkey Foundation
RMEF – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
SLB – State Land Board
UP Project – Uncompahgre Plateau Project
USFS – United States Forest Service
USFWS – United States Fish and Wildlife Service

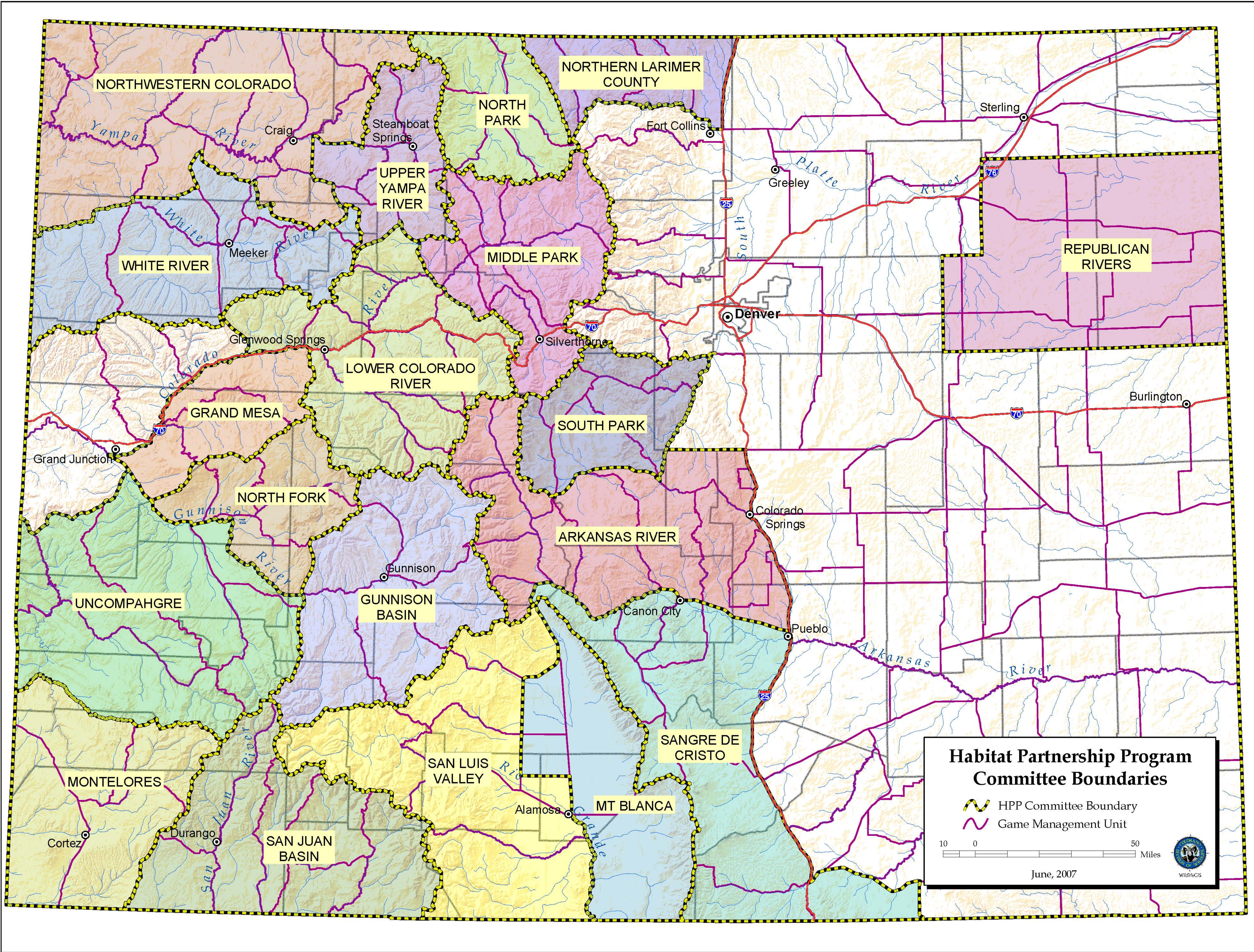


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Habitat Partnership Program
State Council Members
2013**

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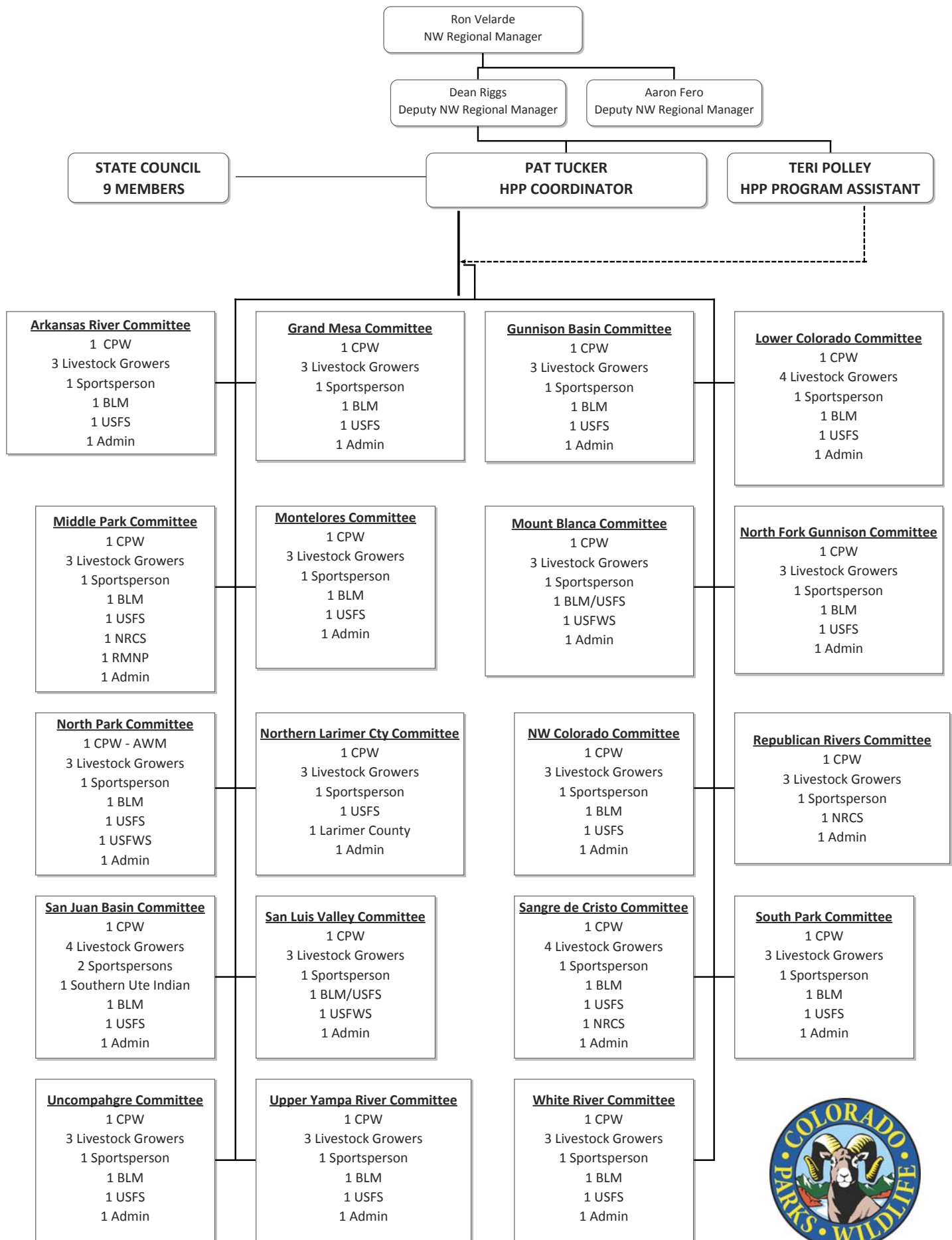
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Habitat Partnership Program





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Habitat Partnership Program

Program Accomplishments, HPP and Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2013

Units	Description	Accomplishments
Acres Burned	Habitat Improved	0.00
Acres Fertilized	Habitat Improved	7100.78
Acres Irrigated	Habitat Improved	360.00
Acres Mech. or Hand -Treated	Habitat Improved	4740.67
Acres of Weed Control	Habitat Improved	6821.74
Acres Seeded / Planted	Habitat Improved	3153.24
Baiting	Projects	2.00
Cattle/Wildlife Exclosures	Built	2.00
Cattleguards, Gates, etc	Constructed	3.00
Hazing	Projects	1.00
Hunt Coords	Hired	5.00
Miles of New Fence	of New Fence Built	24.33
Plans	Written	6.00
Proj- repair, vouchers, etc	for Minor Fence Repair	384.00
Scare Devices	Provided	7.00
Stackyards	Materials Provided	2.00
Tons	of Forage Purchased	158.90
Vinyl Rolls	Provided	123.00
Water Dev	Built and/or Maintained	103.00
Weed control projects	Projects	211.00

'Acres of Weed Control' is used when an actual treatment has been applied to a specific area and the acreage treated can be accurately determined.

'Weed control projects' is used when a treatment is applied over a large area (ie. spot spraying) and the acreages cannot be accurately determined and if used, would greatly inflate the actual number of acres treated.



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Habitat Partnership Program

Program Accomplishments, HPP and Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2013

Type	#Projects	Detail
Equipment	1	
Information/Education	9	
Monitoring/Research	5	
Archeological Clearance	1	
Conservation Easement Transaction Costs	11	

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Colorado Parks and Wildlife Habitat Partnership Program

HPP Program Costs and Hours by GBL 2013

GBL	Total Cost	HPP Cost	Match \$	In-Kind \$	In-Kind Hrs
ADM	\$138,191.41	\$137,455.41	\$136.00	\$600.00	3099
EQP	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			
FEN	\$707,698.15	\$311,197.76	\$315,825.39	\$80,675.00	6740
GDM	\$54,420.14	\$50,850.14	\$3,370.00	\$200.00	170
INF	\$56,277.33	\$41,681.33	\$12,996.00	\$1,600.00	64
MAN	\$3,296,905.47	\$1,017,020.71	\$1,743,341.36	\$536,543.40	10815
MTC	\$1,512.20	\$1,512.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
OTH	\$7,153,521.95	\$100,045.95	\$3,266,143.00	\$3,787,333.00	930
RES	\$77,602.91	\$49,902.91	\$2,700.00	\$25,000.00	160
Totals:	\$11,488,129.56	\$1,711,666.41	\$5,344,511.75	\$4,431,951.40	21978

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Habitat Partnership Program
Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2013
Summary of Committee Finances

Committee	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	Total Expenses	Private Cost	Public Cost	In-Kind Hrs
Arkansas River	\$42,328.37	\$34,946.64	\$19,300.00	\$96,575.01	\$9,749.02	\$26,657.80	786
Grand Mesa	\$69,234.04	\$74,399.30	\$56,025.00	\$199,658.34	\$50,565.95	\$13,354.05	1744
Gunnison Basin	\$33,795.70	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$46,795.70	\$0.00	\$12,772.91	213
Lower Colorado River	\$172,963.59	\$400,112.08	\$1,572,592.00	\$2,145,667.67	\$145,136.15	\$22,612.39	2980
Middle Park	\$94,321.05	\$179,375.00	\$7,428.00	\$281,124.05	\$53,318.52	\$36,425.56	992
Montelores	\$82,734.89	\$1,326,515.00	\$702,033.00	\$2,111,282.89	\$72,525.62	\$0.00	1364
Mount Blanca	\$76,786.80	\$3,800.00	\$6,000.00	\$86,586.80	\$72,809.87	\$0.00	1190
North Fork Gunnison	\$155,118.54	\$120,500.00	\$64,247.00	\$339,865.54	\$79,264.30	\$69,833.85	805
North Park	\$6,559.34	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$6,759.34	\$4,294.84	\$279.50	160
Northern Larimer County	\$23,555.10	\$1,769.22	\$0.00	\$25,324.32	\$16,737.22	\$0.00	361
Northwest Colorado	\$136,501.38	\$368,156.15	\$226,830.00	\$731,487.53	\$98,205.51	\$30,005.63	650
Republican Rivers	\$13,783.45	\$12,530.00	\$1,500.00	\$27,813.45	\$6,227.2	\$3,763.23	245
San Juan Basin	\$135,621.86	\$191,295.02	\$4,805.00	\$331,721.88	\$88,972.37	\$41,309.00	2583
San Luis Valley	\$118,584.53	\$126,722.00	\$992,910.40	\$1,238,216.93	\$37,547.00	\$71,456.50	1011
Sangre de Cristo	\$68,856.29	\$1,834,153.25	\$14,556.00	\$1,917,565.54	\$47,338.33	\$15,938.45	1545
South Park	\$67,604.70	\$344,125.00	\$658,500.00	\$1,070,229.70	\$26,104.04	\$34,931.73	1043
State Council	\$82,523.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$82,523.22			150
Uncompahgre	\$91,569.74	\$135,048.09	\$92,282.00	\$318,899.83	\$81,181.44	\$5,000.00	3037
Upper Yampa River	\$29,485.41	\$10,920.00	\$4,943.00	\$45,348.41	\$28,944.72	\$0.00	349
Yampa / White River	\$209,838.40	\$169,945.00	\$5,000.00	\$384,783.40	\$173,349.89	\$2,500.00	770
HPP Program Totals:	\$1,711,666.41	\$5,344,511.75	\$4,431,951.40	\$11,488,789.10 *	\$1,078,024.01	\$391,840.54	21978

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Habitat Partnership Program
Project Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2013

HPP Program Totals

Cooperator Name	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	In-Kind Hrs
	\$328,657.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
BLM	\$83,639.94	\$312,406.00	\$89,498.00	2130
BLM Grazing Adv Board	\$2,333.99	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0
County Gov't	\$24,415.43	\$415,964.00	\$221,042.00	1639
CPW	\$71,842.54	\$616,691.25	\$58,700.00	628
CSFS	\$1,850.00	\$20,963.00	\$0.00	0
GOCO	\$4,481.35	\$885,000.00	\$0.00	20
HPP Committee Members	\$23,130.28	\$136.00	\$1,600.00	3129
HPP State Council	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	150
Local Govt	\$2,497.50	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0
Local Land Trust	\$3,571.52	\$146.00	\$0.00	75
Local Soil Cons. Dist	\$678.57	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	0
Local Weed Control Dist	\$4,755.24	\$3,000.00	\$500.00	105
MDF	\$810.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0
NPS	\$2,490.63	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	0
NRCS	\$80,611.99	\$921,839.00	\$9,400.00	324
NWTF	\$1,166.67	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0
Other HPP Committee	\$4,329.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
Other Wildlife Group	\$11,814.38	\$0.00	\$515,000.00	30
Private Business/Org	\$21,310.03	\$340,100.00	\$6,000.00	720



Colorado Parks and Wildlife Habitat Partnership Program

Project Cooperators, Fiscal Year 2013

Cooperator Name	HPP Cost	Match Amt	In-Kind Amt	In-Kind Hrs
Private Landowner	\$926,938.34	\$1,615,123.50	\$3,487,425.00	11262
Private Local Assoc.	\$2,485.57	\$0.00	\$622.40	80
RMEF	\$10,246.49	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	0
SLB	\$8,399.84	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	0
State Gov't	\$12,001.91	\$40,807.00	\$3,000.00	776
State Soil Cons Board	\$678.57	\$4,750.00	\$0.00	0
UP Project	\$1,172.20	\$1,000.00	\$250.00	25
USFS	\$70,356.77	\$93,136.00	\$30,884.00	645
USFWS	\$4,999.84	\$1,250.00	\$6,030.00	240
Totals	\$1,711,666.41	\$5,344,511.75	\$4,431,951.40	21978

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