

HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

"Local Solutions to Local Problems"



History

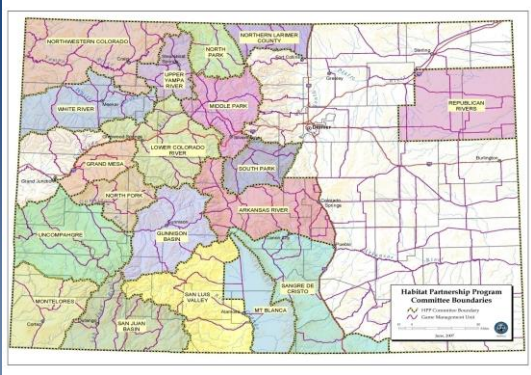
- ◆ Fence and forage damage claims and payments had always been a source of contention between landowners and CPW.
- ◆ Historical landowner frustration over big game herd management and size.
- ◆ Bad winter of 1983/84 created many problems between big game and private landowners.
- ◆ During 1988/89, legislation considered that would make DOW liable for all private land forage damage.
- ◆ Outcome: HPP Program Started

History

- ◆ HPP initially set up to deal only with Fence and Forage problems.
- ◆ In 2002, statutes changed that broadened HPP's purpose to:

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- ◆ "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 still focused on big game/ag conflicts.



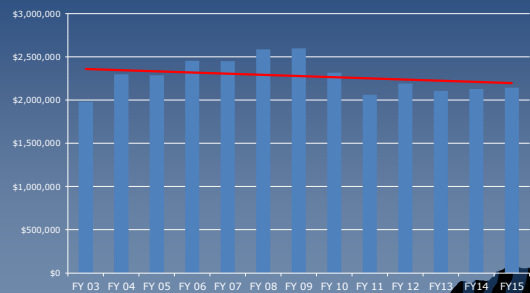
150 volunteers donating 3000 hours each year to resolve conflicts

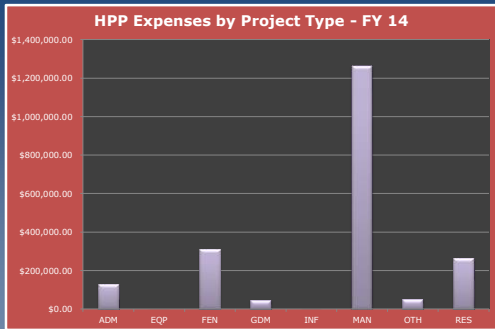


Funding

- ◆ The HPP program receives 5% of deer, elk, pronghorn, moose license fees from those areas that have local HPP committees.
- ◆ Money not spent in a FY remains in the HPP fund for future projects. (subject to cap)
- ◆ Continuously Appropriated

HPP Funding – FY06-FY15





How Does HPP Work?

- ◆ Commission approved 10 year operating plan – authorizes spending state money for approved activities
- ◆ Local committees solicit, review, approve, fund and evaluate projects
- ◆ Projects must be focused on big game/agricultural conflicts
- ◆ Projects need to show partnerships

HPP Project Information

- ◆ HPP is intended to assist private landowners with big game conflicts.
- ◆ Projects can be undertaken wherever they would effectively address the problem and reduce or resolve conflicts - on private or public property.
- ◆ Projects emphasize partnerships and leveraging of money
- ◆ Projects look to both short term fixes and long term solutions

Projects

Developed with Partnerships

Approved by Consensus

So What Do We Do?

- ◆ Most of the vegetative manipulation projects that HPP is involved with are intended to increase the quantity and quality of forage for both livestock and wildlife.
- ◆ For example



Brush Beating and Clearing

Tree Thinning/Clearing



Before Treatment



After Treatment



Prescribed Burning
Future of prescribed burning?



Aerial Fertilization and Reseeding



Weed Control



Water Developments



Before



After

Fencing – New and Repairs



Travel Management

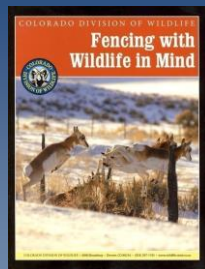


Conservation Easements

(transaction costs only working with landowners and a 3rd party land trust)



Information and Education



Game Damage Projects

- ◆ Stack yards



- ◆ Forage purchases

- ◆ Hunt Coordinators

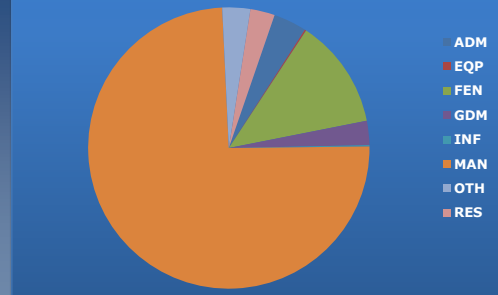


Monitoring and Research

- ◆ Big game movement
- ◆ Habitat studies



HPP Expenses by Project Type - FY 14



What HPP Means to....

- ◆ Landowners and Agencies – responsive quicker way to resolve conflicts and make improvements thru leveraging of partners money.
- ◆ Sportsmen – larger big game herds due to increased landowner tolerance
- ◆ CPW – maintain herd sizes, political support, habitat benefits

Primary Accomplishment

- ◆ Improved relationships and dialogue between all involved parties, ie. landowners, agencies, sportsmen, etc.



The Future



Declining but Stable 5% Allocation
Increasing project costs

The Future



HPP statutes for 5% funding and fund
carryover expire June 30, 2015.

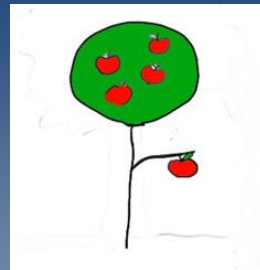
Actively Developing Legislation

The Future

Normal
Internal
Processes

HPP

The Future



"Easy" and immediate problems have been
resolved. Remaining problems are more difficult
and costly and will take time to show results.

The Future

Dedicated People willing to invest their time and money to make positive changes



So, You Want HPP

- ◆ A lot of work to set up
 - Selecting committee members
 - Creating program plans, rules, etc
 - Regulations vs. Legislation
 - Funding
- WHY Do You Want HPP?

So, You want HPP

- ◆ External
 - Groups to work with
 - Partnership Component
 - Locations to work in

So, You want HPP

- ◆ Internal
 - Purchasing
 - Accounting
 - HR
 - Open Meetings/Records
 - Administrative Issues
 - Agency Support/Trust Issues

Will It Be Worth It?

- ◆ User groups Support
- ◆ Political Support
- ◆ Dialogue
- ◆ Resource Improvement

◆ **YES**



<http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/pages/habitatpartnershipprogram>