

## **PVHP Meeting Notes**

### **11/1/2012**

**Dr. Clement started meeting with introductions and a reminder of where we are and where we've been in this process. Reviewed the outline for this meeting and reviewed the collaborative process. The group was asked to review the draft PVHP habitat plan outline for next month's meeting.**

**NOTE: Landowners** – If interested in developing a habitat project, and would like to be included in the initial PVHP Plan, please contact Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) personnel so they may begin working with you on objectives and design.

#### **Bates Hole Habitat Project**

- Jim Price (Bates Hole Landowner, Miles Land & Livestock) and Keith Schoup (WGFD Casper Habitat Biologist) gave an overview of an ongoing habitat project in Bates Hole.
- Involved deeded, state and federal land partners. Project started on Price's deeded lands, 8 years ago, before moving on to adjacent state and federal lands.
- Several funding sources.
- Treatments included aspen and conifer removal through fire and mechanical treatment, sagebrush burning, herbicide treatment of cheatgrass.
- Price thinks his livestock carry capacity was doubled.
- Increased water yield.
- WGFD had not done area specific monitoring of mule deer. However it is assumed these habitat improvements were beneficial.
- The Price family has enrolled their lands in WGFD Hunter Management Area program, primarily to reduce elk numbers on their lands.

#### **Tom Ryder presented information on how the PVHP funding will work**

- Funds will be held within WGFD and ultimately an internal team will determine whether or not projects are funded based on the PVHP habitat plan.
- Minimum of a 5:1 match required (3:1 for short term projects, 5:1 for mid-term projects, 7:1 for long-term projects).
- There will be a standardized application form with an application period 4x a year that ties into other potential funding sources.
- Anyone can propose projects and the WGFD Habitat Biologist will put together the application packet and present to the internal team.
- Question was asked about in-kind funding and if that could be considered a match

**Dr. Clement presented maps developed by WyGIS center at UW.**

- Vegetation type layer was looked at in more detail.
- Roger Cox stated he thought the maps should include baseline percentages of canopy cover to be more useful.
- The mapping limitations and lack of detailed information needed to make informed decisions about the current state of conditions (e.g. age, percent cover, etc.) were discussed.
- December - WGFD (Schultz) will present maps depicting important areas for mule deer in the Platte Valley herd unit.