

# Platte Valley Habitat Partnership: Decisions Made on December 7, 2012 and Next Steps



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# Outcomes of December 7, 2012 and Implications for 2013.

Important decisions were made by PVHP regarding:

1. A more useful decision making method.
2. Reaching consensus on a Vision, Goal and Five Objectives.
3. Using a multi-jurisdictional approach to mule deer habitat improvements: WGFD, BLM and USFS will present a comprehensive vision on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Implications:

- PVHP now has the consensus foundation, knowledge, tools, process and networks in place to have a good chance at success both in terms of operationalizing a long-term mule deer habitat improvement plan and in generating the trust to generate matching funding.
- 2013 will see PVHP spending its time on deciding locations, methods and monitoring of mule deer habitat improvements, culminating in its first Plan, and applying the Plan on the ground in the summer.

**Next Meeting: January 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm to 6 pm in PVCC,  
Saratoga.**

**Draft Agenda:**

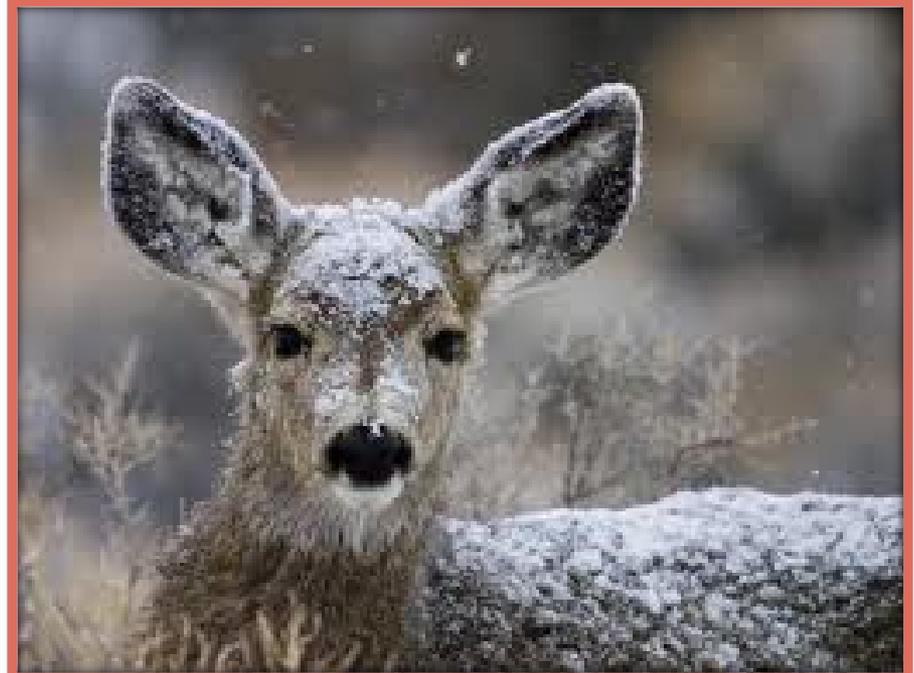
- 1:00**     **Introductions and Recap of Progress**
- 1:30**     **Start Coordination the writing of the PVHP Plan.**
- 2:00**     **Past and current wildlife habitat projects on  
USFS and BLM.**
- 3:00**     **Break**
- 3:30**     **Multi-jurisdictional Mule Deer Habitat  
Improvements Planning: WGFD, BLM and USFS.**
- 5:00**     **Other subjects and Wrap-Up**
- 6:00**     **Adjourn**



## Platte Valley Habitat Partnership Vision, Goal and Objectives



The following Vision, Goal and Objectives were proposed, collaboratively altered and unanimously agreed to by all Participants present. The Criteria were proposed for each Objective and still require final decision-making by the group.



# PLATTE VALLEY HABITAT PARTNERSHIP

## VISION

The Platte Valley Habitat Partnership considers the quality and quantity of the mule deer population in the Platte Valley important to its landscape and communities to preserve biodiversity, economic, recreational, cultural and aesthetic values.

## GOAL

The Platte Valley Habitat Partnership's goal is to improve wildlife habitat with emphasis on sustainable mule deer populations.

## Objective and Criteria 1: Biodiversity Value of the Mule Deer Herd

- ❖ **Objective 1: To improve habitat conditions to increase the population size and health of mule deer.**

### **Proposed Criteria :**

- ❖ **Monitor species diversity of flora.**
- ❖ **Age Class Diversity of Shrubs**
- ❖ **Browse Class**
- ❖ **Shrub and herbaceous productivity.**
- ❖ **# of acres treated.**
- ❖ **Shrub recruitment.**
- ❖ **Pregnancy rates of mule deer (WGFD)**
- ❖ **Fat reserves of mule deer (WGFD)**
- ❖ **Population #'s of mule deer (WGFD)**
- ❖ **Doe-fawn ratios (WGFD)**
- ❖ **Mortality ratios (WGFD)**

## Objective and Criteria 2: Economic Value of the Mule Deer Herd

- ❖ **Objective 2: To enhance economic benefits to landowners, communities and dependent interests by improving habitat to increase the population size and health of mule deer.**

### **Proposed Criteria :**

- ❖ **# of hunters and other mule deer related recreationists (work with WGFD).**
- ❖ **Outfitter revenues (work with Chamber)**
- ❖ **Hospitality revenues (work with Chamber)**
- ❖ **Livestock AUM's (work with Conservation District)**
- ❖ **# of license applicants (work with WGFD)**

## Objective and Criteria 3: Recreational Value of the Mule Deer Herd

- ❖ **Objective 3:** To enhance recreational benefits by improving habitat to increase the population size and health of mule deer.

### **Proposed Criteria :**

- ❖ **Hunter Satisfaction Surveys (WGFD)**
- ❖ **Revenue**
- ❖ **Visitor Surveys (USFS)**
- ❖ **Field personnel contacts (BLM and USFS)**
- ❖ **Increase in political support**
- ❖ **Increase in support from more groups and funders (Attendance and \$\$)**
- ❖ **Types of Chamber of Commerce Requests (Chamber)**

## Objective and Criteria 4: Cultural and Aesthetic Value of the Mule Deer Herd

- ❖ **Objective 4:** To maintain the character of the Platte Valley landscape, culture and aesthetics by improving habitat to increase the population size and health of mule deer.

### **Proposed Criteria:**

- ❖ **Modify existing USFS visitor use surveys to address C and A Values.**
- ❖ **Modify WGFD hunter satisfaction surveys to address C and A Values.**
- ❖ **Look at BLM public perception surveys.**
- ❖ **Develop Community Survey for Platte Valley, baseline and changes.**
- ❖ **Develop landowner survey.**
- ❖ **Look at WGFD's PVMDI survey**

## Objective and Criteria 5: Mission Compatibility for State and Federal Agencies

- ❖ **Objective #5:** To facilitate state and federal agencies to serve their constituents in a manner compatible with their missions by working to improve habitat for mule deer and other species and purposes.

### **Proposed Criteria:**

- ❖ **# of projects that cross ownership and jurisdictional boundaries**
- ❖ **Mix of funding to complete projects.**



My best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and Happy  
New Year to All Platte Valley Habitat Partners.

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