

Payson Natural Resource Committee Meeting Minutes 2/12/2020

PNRC Committee Chair David Daniels called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

13 attendees

Introductions around the room. New attendee and HPC Coordinator Kirby Bristow introduced himself.

- HPC funding update:
 - \$350,000 of PNRC projects funded
 - 22S game catchment redevelopment X3. Deadman juniper treatment and tank cleanout, Cartwright project near phoenix.
- HPC Project completion updates:
 - 3 redeveloped game catchments in 22S. Mills ridge, Barnhardt and Gisela.
 - ObarC finished rain apron on existing 10,000 gallon steel range tank.
 - Windmill Mesa tank cleanouts.
 - 7/K four tank cleanouts
- MSA Project funding:
 - Pipeline on 7/K. \$21,000.
 - ObarC solar pump and pipeline \$7,500.
- LRP funding:
 - JbarB Solar project \$2000.
 - Diamond Butte tank cleanouts \$16,000.
- Several HPC projects from the PNRC were not funded and need refined before resubmitting. Ttodd gueilerank cleanouts for Chris and Walnut for Teri.
- 16 Rocky mountain bighorn sheep were captured and fitted with GPS collars. 6 in Hellsgate and 10 on Hardscrabble. 2 year study to track movement.
- 12 turkey were recently captured from near the Blue River in Region 1 and released in North East unit 22. Part of an ongoing effort to increase the population. 38 were released last year in the same area.
- New HPC proposal idea:
 - Colcord tank clean outs, Mike.
 - Precribed fire on 4-Peaks, Destry.
 - Redevelop old game catchments near Gisela, Dave.
- Look into herbicide use to treat invasive vegetation. Junipers up north and starthistle near Tonto Basin.
- Work with forest to identify Arc cleared areas on the Payson and PV ranger districts where juniper thinning is ready. Part of landscape scale projects.

- MDF funded water line replacement post Woodbury fire on the Hayhook Ranch.
- Chip and John Fowler need to follow up on when project needs to be done using LRP money to avoid losing money. June 15 was mentioned as a possible deadline. Need panels or sizes from AMDO(?) to figure out how much steel to buy for framework.
- April 25th is the MSA banquet. Tickets can be purchased online.
- Jim Goughnour informed the group that Todd Geiler, from Prescott, is working through the final process of becoming a new AGFD Commissioner.
- Potential future topics:
 - 260 Elk crossing update.
 - East Verde stream enhancement.
 - HPC project writing workshop.
 - Forest service talk about Arc clearance and what is already cleared for juniper treatments.
- Next Meeting scheduled for May 13th, 2020 at 6pm in the Payson PD conference room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.