

lack of the Department being at the table. He believed Dr. Tuggle showed good faith today by coming to the meeting and he believed the Commission should show good faith too and work together.

Vote: Aye - Woodhouse, Husted, Mansell
Nay - Freeman
Passed 3 to 1
Harris not present

(Director Voyles clarified this motion following agenda item #12)

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7. Cooperative Agreement for Livestock Operations at Horseshoe Ranch

Presenter: Rod Lucas, Mesa Regional Manager

Mr. Lucas presented the Commission with a request for approval of a Cooperative Agreement with JH Cattle Company, which will facilitate the required federal Base Property Lease for livestock operations based out of the Commission-owned Horseshoe Ranch. In March of 2011, the Arizona Game and Fish Commission (Commission) acquired the Horseshoe Ranch property in Yavapai County, Arizona. As a part of that purchase, the Commission also acquired a property interest in the appraised value and assets associated with two federal grazing leases historically attached to the Horseshoe Ranch. The Horseshoe Allotment is administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Copper Creek Allotment is administered by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Additionally, in June 2011, a Cooperative Agreement was signed among the Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department), the BLM, and the USFS outlining the particulars of how the livestock permit and management was to be administered and conducted on the allotments associated with the Ranch.

This agreement retains the Horseshoe Ranch as the base property for the associated federal grazing lands and requires the Department to develop a Base Property Lease within 180 days with a qualified livestock operator who will run the livestock operation on those lands. This agreement is for a three-year interim period only until the outcome of multiple factors in the future management, including the Commission-directed Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) of the Horseshoe Ranch associated allotments, are determined. The Cooperative Agreement will be allowed to expire at the end of the three years, with a new agreement taking its place under the circumstances operant at that time. This Base Property Lease, in the form of a Cooperative Agreement, was provided to the Commission prior to this meeting for their review.

Motion: Mansell moved and Husted seconded THAT THE COMMISSION VOTE TO APPROVE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH JH CATTLE COMPANY AS SUBMITTED AND AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THIS AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION.

Vote: Unanimous
4-0
Harris not present