

## What Types of Projects Can I Do?

Project ideas should focus on an outcome that will reduce conflicts between livestock and wildlife. There are 5 general categories for projects:

### • **Habitat Improvement**

These include seeding, fertilization, brush control, prescribed burns and grazing management designed to encourage big game animals to use other areas during certain times of the year.



### • **Fence Improvement or Repair**

The major emphasis is to reduce or eliminate constant fence repairs. In some areas, committees can recommend fences of a different design. A committee may offer a small payment to landowners for fence repair materials.



### • **Distribution Management Hunts**

These hunts are designed to reduce damage by breaking up concentrations of big game animals and distribute them into other areas.



### • **Direct Payments**

This is usually a last resort when conflicts cannot be alleviated in any other way and the party involved is eligible for big game damage payments.



### • **Other**

Other HPP projects include purchasing of forage, vegetation monitoring, hunt coordinators, brochures, and seminars.



## I Have an Idea For a Project, Where Do I Start?

Anyone can propose a project to the local HPP committee. However, the best way to gain committee approval is to have the support of the local DOW District Wildlife Manager (DWM) before you present your idea.

There are important steps to follow to increase your chances of having a committee implement your idea. If you have an idea, talk to your local DWM or committee representative.

Most committees have a project proposal form that needs to be completed before you present your idea to the committee. It lays out the scope of the project and the amount of money being requested.

Be creative! There are often many solutions that haven't been thought of or tried yet!

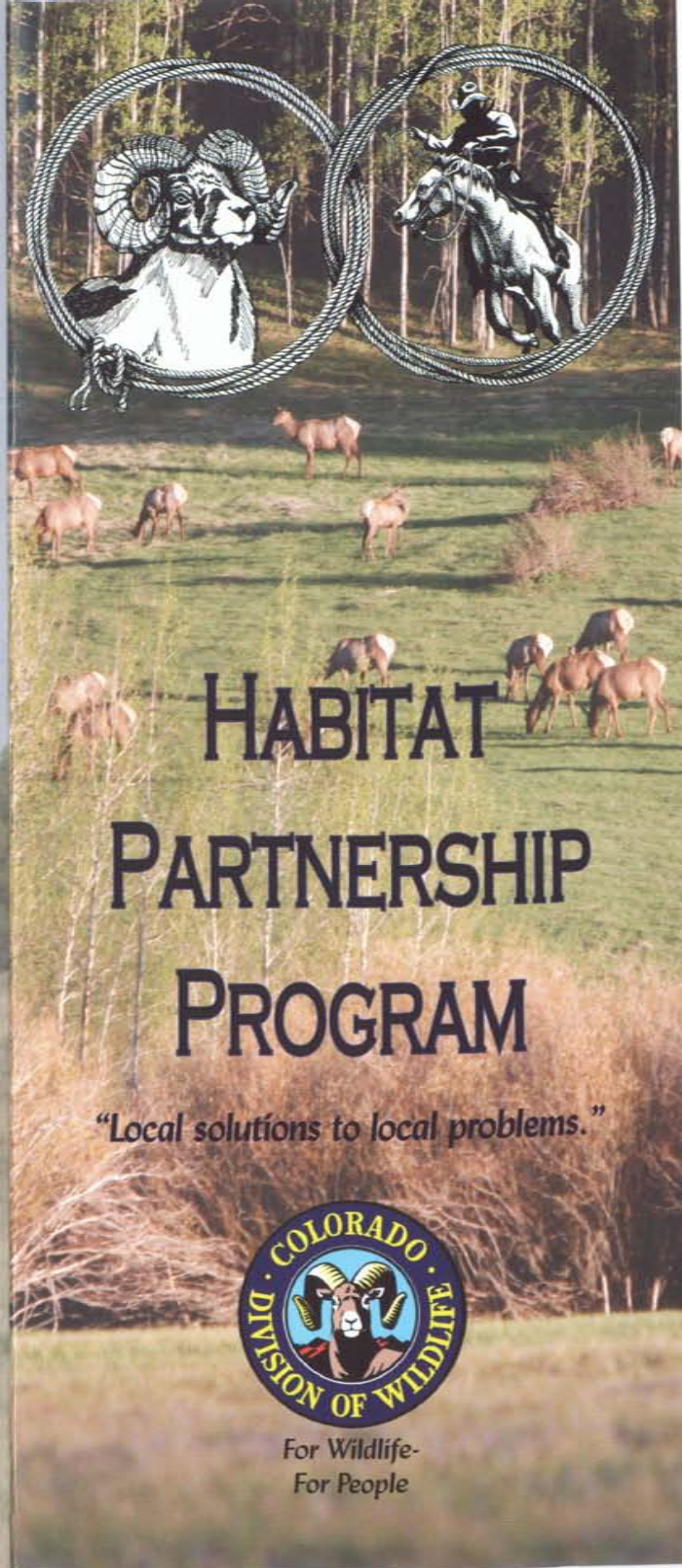


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## What is the Habitat Partnership Program?

The purpose of the Habitat Partnership Program (HPP) is to reduce wildlife conflicts, particularly those associated with forage and fences, and to assist the Division of Wildlife (DOW) in meeting game management goals. The program develops partnerships between

landowners, land managers, sportsmen, the public and the DOW. These partnerships are responsible for local solutions to local problems on both private and public land.

HPP is authorized by the Colorado State Legislature and the Colorado Wildlife Commission.

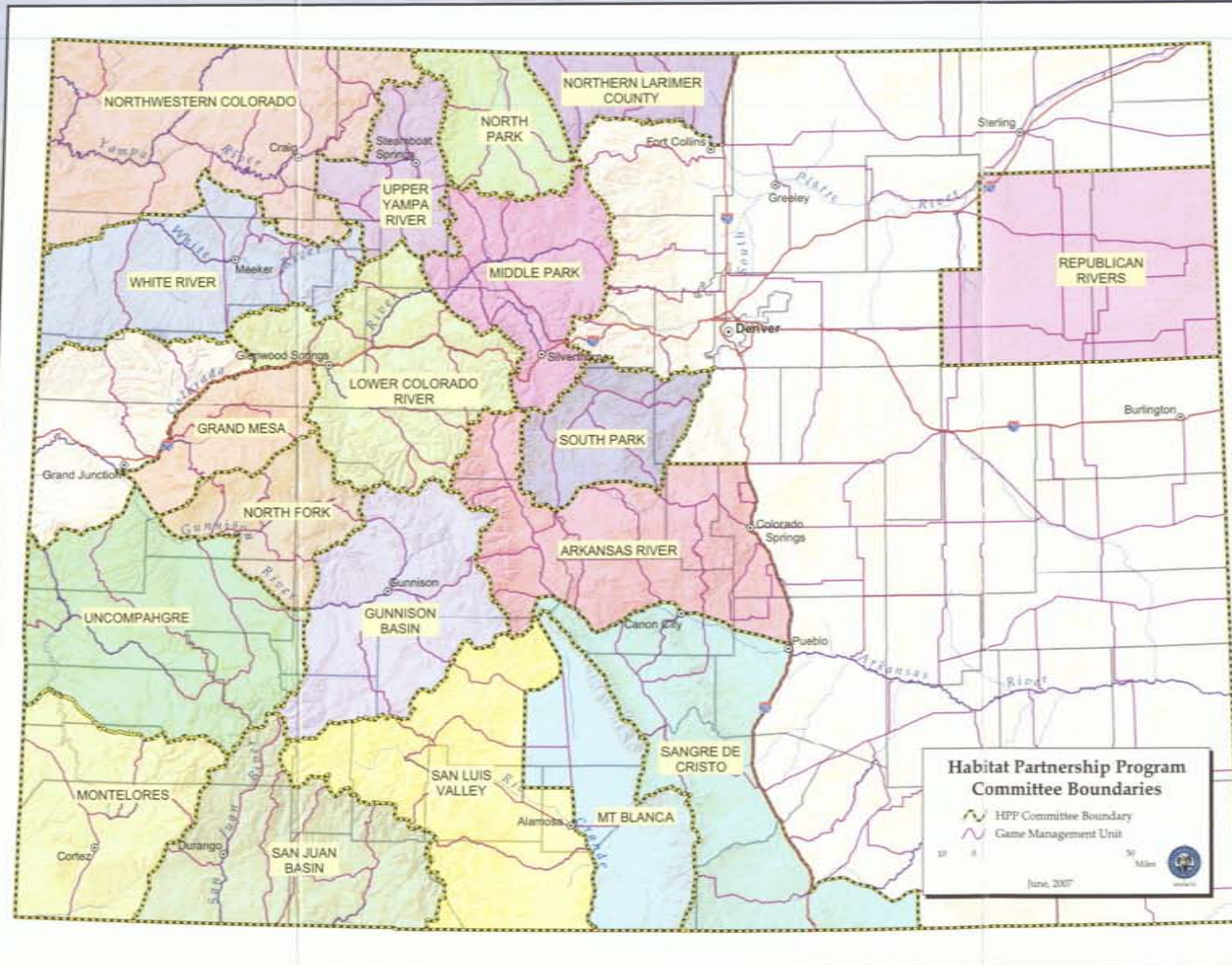
## How is HPP Setup Statewide?

In the early 1990s conflict areas were evaluated by the livestock industry, the DOW, and federal agencies. Nineteen areas of concern, primarily on the western slope, were identified and are each handled by its own committee to hear problems and fund solutions.

Committees are made up of local representatives from the livestock and crop producer community, a sportsmen representative, and an employee from each of the following agencies: U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Division of Wildlife, and other local specialists.

## Local HPP Committees and You.

All meetings are open to the public. Committee meetings are usually advertised in the local media and many committees have mailing or e-mail notification lists. For more information about your area's committee, contact your local DOW



office. If there is not an HPP committee for your area, contact the nearest DOW office and they will work with you to find solutions for wildlife related conflicts you are experiencing.

are beneficial to wildlife and landowners.

Typically, projects are matched on a 50/50 basis or on a materials/labor arrangement.

## Committee Guidelines.

Each HPP local committee must develop a Habitat Management Plan that is reviewed and approved by the Colorado Wildlife Commission. These plans guide the activities of the local committees. They must be updated every 5 years.

## How is HPP Funded?

Five percent (5%) of the big game hunting license revenue for each HPP area is allocated to the HPP program.

In addition to sportsmen's dollars, HPP works with other agencies and landowners to fund and complete projects that