

**DRAFT SW CAC Meeting Notes**  
USFS Office TorC, April 21 and 22, 2010

**Day 1**

**CAC Members Present:** Angel Montoya, Bob Tafanelli, Roberta Salazar-Henry, David Ogilvie; Dusty Hunt, and Angel Montoya

**CAC Members Absent:** Tink Jackson and Jim Farmer

**Agency Cooperators Present:** Dale Hall, Kevin Rodden, Pat Mathis, Ray Lister, Steven Torres, and Margie Guzman

**Public:** John Cornell, NMWF, and Commissioners Dutch Salmon and Dick Salopek

**Day 2**

**Agency Cooperators Present:** Dale Hall, Kevin Rodden, Pat Mathis, Ray Lister, Art Telles, Dave Heft, Rene Guaderrama, Justin Schofer, Russell Ward, Larry Cosper, Eric Kern, Tony Ybarra, Mark Hakkila, Carlos Madril, Mark Mathews, Tawnya Brummett, Amanda Ruzicka, and John Sherman

**Public:** none

Meeting called to order by Chairman Salazar-Henry at 9:03 a.m. Dale said that Jim Farmer had a doctor's appointment and would like to be excused.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

State Game Commission will act on CAC recommendations on July 8, 2010 in Silver City. Dale mentioned that Gary Fonay, Hobbs and Thomas "Dick" Salopek, Las Cruces are new commissioners replacing Commissioners Sims and Montoya.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES**

The July 16, 2009 CAC meeting notes were read by the group. Angel noted that he was at the meeting but left off the notes.

*Motion was made by Dave and seconded by Bob to accept with correction above. The motion was passed by the group.*

**STATUS OF ON-GOING PROJECTS (2009 and 2010)**

Dale noted that project leaders are finishing up their 2009 projects and should be well under way on their 2010 projects. They have cleared the 2011 proposals and asking for final approval. Agency cooperators let citizens know the status of projects they are currently implementing.

Roberta asked about the status SWBL-2010-002 HSP Promotion project. Margie said the State BLM office wanted to use the funds for posters or something. Dale indicated that the only thing the state office has ready to go is the duplication of DVD's on the HSP. Margie said she could use the funds to purchase signs for HSP projects. The citizens asked Margie to use the funds to hold a public meeting in Las Cruces to promote the HSP. Art Telles was asked to do the same in Silver City.

Art said that Eric is hired to concentrate 2010 inventory and maintenance funds in the Quemado Ranger District. Dusty asked how Art pays for HSP signs. Art said with HSP maintenance funds or with Gila appropriated funds. Art said that he needs 2-3 years to get all Gila projects up to speed with maintenance, signs, ramps, etc.

Dusty asked about Stimulus Funds. Russell indicated that Stimulus funds were being used to thin 700 acres of wildland urban interface in the Willow subdivision area in Burro Mountains and to maintain a fuel break in the Pinos Altos area. Some are also being used to improve forest road 150.

Tawnya spoke of the success of the Black Canyon Stream Structures project. She noted lots of partners and positive press to program, as the event was documented by a *New Mexico Wildlife* TV show.

Carlos indicated that they are buying some pipe to reinforce vandalized enclosures.

### PROGRAM RENEWAL STATUS

Dale reminded the group that the HSP sunsets in April 2011. The State Game Commission has authority over the Program. He gave the group an overview of the process and timeline that he and the Executive Committee (EC) are pursuing in preparation to seek renewal of the Program. The EC has identified issues of concern with the Program, and they have inspected random projects throughout the State. The executive committee has received guidance and sideboards from the three agency partners' leadership.

The three priorities of agencies if renewed by the Commission are that the Program in the next decade will:

1. Maintain current projects,
2. Take a landscape planning and implementation approach, and
3. Emphasize aquatic and angling improvements.

Questions and ideas arose as to how we could get campers, hikers, and bird watchers to pay for the Stamp. Bob said that he did not think people would buy it on a voluntary basis. Dale said that he is meeting with the tri-agency public information chiefs to explore ways to entice non-sportsmen to buy stamps.

Angel pointed out that there is some interest of expanding the Program to Bureau of Reclamation lands. Commissioner Salopek said that he and Commissioner Fonay are advocates of expanding the Program to all lands in the state.

Dale indicated that he and the Executive Committee are looking for ideas as to how the citizens could look at proposals on a statewide basis.

Art indicated that he believes the Gila could be competitive with the rest of the state. Ray noted that the BLM has many landscapes already planned out. They were submitted to the Executive Committee for prioritization. Dale indicated that over 50 landscape planning areas were reviewed and we will take those prioritized landscapes to the tri-agency leadership. Once they agree on them, increased interagency collaborative planning will follow.

After discussion, the citizens decided that they would convene on June 30<sup>th</sup> in Deming to discuss the topic, and forward recommendations to the Executive Committee.

### AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

Dave Heft of Cibola National Forest gave a presentation on the effects of fire. He said that burning proposals are the largest part of his HSP budget because it gives the best

value, both in terms of dollars and ecological benefit. The vegetative treatment is then followed with water developments, if needed. He showed before and after burning pictures and said that he has seen water flowing in canyons that have been dry. He attributes this in part to removing the trees that intercept snow and drink precipitation available. He noted some erosion flushes after burning, but it does not compare to the years of ongoing erosion if not treated.

Burning is costly and administratively difficult, especially large, hot burns that the wildlife need.

#### BUDGET STATUS:

Dale handed out the *2008 Implementation Report*. He said this document is one of two that is specifically called for in the Sikes Act as an annual accounting of accomplishments and expenditures.

Dale handed out a chart that demonstrated that Habitat Stamp sales have leveled off at about \$850,000 since 2005, but boosted in 2009 to \$980,000 (4.9 million buyers). He could not explain, but could be due to increased publicity surrounding program renewal. With most big game license sales now in a limited draw system, the only way to sell more Habitat Stamps are to small game hunters and fishermen.

He showed a chart of the HSP Fund balance to show how the fund has been purposely spent down from a high of \$4 million to about \$1.3 million. This was done by instituting flexibility to the agencies, nagging project leaders, and a double budget in 2007. With the balance having been drawn down and stamp sales leveling off, the budget for 2010 has been brought in line with income. With Stamp sales up in 2009, there may be an increase 2012 budget.

Roberta inquired why there was no interest attributed to the Sikes Fund in 2008. Dale said that he brought the concern to the budget director and administrative services chief. They said that the interest was credited to the Game Protection Fund and the auditors "closed the books." As a result the money could not be credited to the right account. Roberta stated that she would be sending a request to Director Tod Stevenson asking that the money be reimbursed to the fund.

#### 2011 MAINTENANCE:

Dale indicated that the statewide maintenance request for 2011 is \$237,000. Dale mentioned part of the agencies leadership in the future program is to make sure projects are maintained. Agency units are developing a maintenance schedule and reporting the cost on a project by project basis. He showed the group a spreadsheet that displays this concept.

Bob brought up the question that we have been struggling with for years, what percentage of funds we should expect to spend on maintain past HSP work? In 2011 it is 34%.

Art said that the Gila is trying to stay away from new structures, but concentrate on getting current ones in good shape. Roberta said she wants to reevaluate the need for waters on case by case basis. Make a closer look to identify if water is a limiting factor in each area.

#### PRIORITIZE 2011 PROPOSALS:

Margie gave a presentation of Las Cruces BLM's priority areas that are assigned to one of four biologists in the office. These priority areas are supported by Habitat Management Plans (HMP) written in 1984.

Big Hatchet HMP is administered by Jack Barnitz. He has replaced the water developments and only plans for a burn on the south end in the future.

Peloncillo Mountains HMP is also administered by Jack and he will be coming forward with vegetative treatments in the future. He has replaced the water developments and completed some fence modifications. In these two areas a term employee, a technician does maintenance on 26 HSP structures. His labor is paid by the BLM.

Jornada HMP is 665,000 acres and is administered by Margie. It has a pronghorn emphasis, but quail are common and bighorn sheep have moved in by themselves from up north. The Space Port is right in the heart of the area and has mitigation funds to offset habitat destruction. The focus of mitigation is water developments for both wildlife and cattle, with the permittee responsible for maintenance.

The BLM has treated about a 1/3 of the landscape with herbicides, some with HSP fund, but primarily with \$8 million of *Restore NM* funds. The plan is to maintain these treatments with fire, but none has taken place as of yet.

There has been about 150 pronghorn on the area that has not increased over the years, despite the creosote treatments. Water does not seem to be a limiting factor. Bob asked us to consider water placement in an ecological and historic perspective. Historically, water was seasonal at best, resulting in normal fluctuations of wildlife populations. Angel brought up a hookworm outbreak in Texas pronghorn.

Water is not a limiting factor for quail on the Jornada, ground cover is. Some grazing permittees are conservation minded others are not.

Margie maintains about 91 HSP projects in her area.

Potrillos Mountain HMP is administered by Steven Torres and the Environmental Assessment is almost ready for public comment. This area is all in proposal for "wilderness" designation. They will be using *Restore NM* funds to spray creosote. Steve is requesting HSP funds in 2012 to place Boss guzzlers at the end of two pipelines to store water for wildlife when the pipelines are turned off by the grazing permittees each year. Quail Unlimited has donated cash for projects in this area.

Florida Mountains HMP is a Wilderness Study Area administered by Steven and it has 2 non-functioning trick tanks that are no longer needed. No projects are proposed for this area at this time.

Cook's Peak HMP is also a Wilderness Study Area and no project work but a burn is proposed at this time.

Otero Mesa HMP is administered by Mark. A discussion ensued about ecological vs. artificial water. Mark said that placement of water is limited per deference to permittees, but he tries to place them 3 miles from existing sources.

Margie indicated that the BLM has completed the Pup and Long Canyon Guzzlers with their own funds and would like to drop them from the list. She asked to move up the list, one of Mark's water developments on Otero Mesa. The citizens did not care which one, which ever one Mark felt was best.

Concerning the 2011 list, Art wanted to drop the Rocky Dam Sediment Removal and Ara 74 Burns. He indicated the only partner on the Slaughter Mesa proposal is the NMDGF's Big Game Enhancement funds. He said the proposed fish barrier on Gilita Creek is with fund from the Arizona CAP Project. The Gila engineering team will design the barrier and Art will share the design with all of us.

Carlos asked the committee to switch in priority the Pelona proposal over the E. Magdalena.

## SW Habitat Stamp Program 2011 Project Proposal List (Final)

Citizen Rank	Project No.	Project Name	HSP Request	Agency Match	Other Match	Total Budget	ALLOCATION/ Balance	Landscape	Tier
		<b>SW BLM--Las Cruces &amp; Socorro FOs</b>					<b>\$ 73,201</b>		
1	SWBL-2011-001	Las Cruces HSP Maintenance	15,000	20,000	0	\$ 35,000	58,201	all	1
1	SWBS-2011-001	Socorro HSP Maintenance	6,000	6,000	0	\$ 12,000	52,201	all	1
2	SWBL-2011-355	Nameless Hills Guzzler for Deer	10,000	10,000	2,000	\$ 22,000	42,201	none	1
3	SWBS-2011-005	Pelona Mountain PJ Thin for Deer, Units 3-5 of 22	21,100	20,000	80,000	\$ 121,100	21,101	Pelona	1
4	SWBL-2011-358	Jornada Creosote Spray for Pronghorn, Ph. 2 of 10	21,101	20,000	10,000	\$ 51,101	(0)	Jornada	1
5	SWBS-2011-004	E. Magdalena Juniper Thin for Pronghorn, Ph. 2 of 8	20,000	80,000	0	\$ 100,000	(20,000)	E. mag.	2
6	SWBS-2011-007	Polvadera Mtn. Thin for Bighorns, Ph. 2 of 3	20,000	122,000	0	\$ 142,000	(40,000)	Ladrone	2
7	SWBL-2011-329	Las Cruces Burns	20,000	100,000	0	\$ 120,000	(60,000)	see below	2
7	SWBS-2011-002	Socorro Burns	30,000	50,000	30,000	\$ 110,000	(90,000)	see below	2
9	SWBL-2011-357	Rhodes Canyon Fence Modification for Pronghorn, Ph. 1 of 4	2,500	2,500	0	\$ 5,000	(92,500)	Jornada	2
10	SWBS-2011-003	Iron Mine Ridge (Chupadera Mesa) Juniper Thin for Deer, Ph. 2 of 2	20,000	6,000	20,000	\$ 46,000	(112,500)	Chupadera	2
11	SWBS-2011-009	E. Magdalena Creosote Spray for Quail, Unit 1	13,200	3,000	10,000	\$ 26,200	(125,700)	none	2
12	SWBS-2011-010	Ladrone Creosote Spray for Quail, Ph. 1 of 3	7,700	2,000	7,000	\$ 16,700	(133,400)	Ladrone	2
13	SWBS-2011-006	Puertecito de Lemitar Creosote Spray for Quail, Ph. 2 of 4	8,400	2,000	8,400	\$ 18,800	(141,800)	Ladrone	2
14	SWBL-2011-062	Brushy #1 Guzzler Replacement for Bighorns	20,000	20,000	0	\$ 40,000	(161,800)	Jornada	2
14	SWBL-2011-356	Shiloh Hills Guzzler for Deer	10,000	10,000	2,000	\$ 22,000	(171,800)	none	2

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15	SWBS-2011-008	Ladroner Juniper Thin for Pronghorn, Fence Unit 2 of 2	20,000	33,000	0	\$ 53,000	(191,800)	Ladroner	2
done	SWBL-2011-049	Pup Canyon Guzzler Replacement for Deer	0	10,000	2,000	\$ 12,000	(191,800)	Guadalupe	1
done	SWBL-2011-234	Long Canyon Guzzler Replacement for Deer	15,000	15,000	0	\$ 30,000	(206,800)	none	2
		REQUEST	\$ 280,001	\$ 531,500	\$ 171,400	\$ 982,901			
		<b>Burn Name</b>	<b>HSP</b>			<b>Total</b>	<b>Emp. Sp.</b>	<b>Landscape</b>	<b>AC</b>
		**SWBL-2011-239 sub-burns that are ready if favorable conditions prevail:							
nr		Las Uvas Mtn Range	20,000			\$ 105,000	Deer	Burro	20,000
nr		Caballos	20,000			\$ 125,000	Deer	none	5,000
nr		Big Hatchet	20,000			\$ 117,000	Bighorn	Big Hatchets	15,000
nr		Cookes Range	20,000			\$ 125,000	Deer	none	17,000
nr		Organ Mountain	20,000			\$ 125,000	Deer	none	13,500
		*SWBS-2011-002 sub-burns that are ready if favorable conditions prevail:							
nr		Pelona Mtn. West Block					Deer	Pelona	6,000
nr		Iron Mine N and S Blocks					Deer	Chupadera	2,700
nr		E. Magdalena 1-6 Blocks					Deer	E. Magdalena	17,461
nr		Ladroner 1-12 Blocks					Deer	Ladroner	1,200
		<b>SW FS--Coronado &amp; Gila NFs</b>					<b>\$ 73,201</b>		
1	SWFG-2011-003	Willow and Gilita Creek Fish Habitat Improvement, Ph. 4 (Barrier) of 6	10,000	5,000	10,000	\$ 25,000	63,201	none	1
2	SWFC-2011-002	Blair Well Thin to Protect Turkey Roosts, Ph. 2 of 2	2,500	1,000	2,500	\$ 6,000	60,701	none	1

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3	SWFG-2011-033	Slaughter Mesa PP Thin for Elk, Ph. 2	20,000	20,000	0	\$ 40,000	40,701	none	1
4	SWFG-2011-041	Sacaton PJ Thin for Deer, Ph. 3	20,000	20,000	0	\$ 40,000	20,701	none	1
5	SWFG-2011-001	Gila HSP Maintenance	30,000	30,000	0	\$ 60,000	(9,299)	all	1
6	SWFG-2011-011	Gila Burns	80,000	100,000	0	\$ 180,000	(89,299)	see below	2
7	SWFC-2011-001	Buckhorn Manzanita Mastication for Deer, Ph. 1 of 2	70,000	8,500	0	\$ 78,500	(159,299)	none	2
8	SWFG-2011-032	Quemado Lake Water Circulator for Trout, Ph. 1 of 2	52,000	4,000	0	\$ 56,000	(211,299)	none	2
9	SWFC-2011-003	Skeleton Can. Trick Tank Maintenance	2,500	1,000	0	\$ 3,500	(213,799)	none	2
drop	SWFG-2011-051	Lake Roberts (Rocky Dam) Sediment Removal, Ph. 2 of 3	5,000	3,000	2,000	\$ 10,000	(218,799)	Lake Roberts	2
		REQUEST	\$ 292,000	\$ 192,500	\$ 14,500	\$ 499,000			
		*SWFG-2011-11 sub-burns that are ready if favorable conditions prevail:							
		<b>Burn Name</b>					<b>Emp. Sp.</b>	<b>Landscape</b>	<b>AC</b>
a		Harris Maintenance Burn	add to 12				Deer	Burro	500
a		Silverdale Maintenance Burn	add to 12				Deer	Burro	500
a		<del>Willow North Maintenance Burn</del>	<del>done</del>				<del>Deer</del>	<del>Burro</del>	<del>500</del>
a		<del>Willow South Block</del>	<del>done</del>				<del>Deer</del>	<del>Burro</del>	<del>500</del>
b		Farm Flat Block	add to 12				Deer	Signal Pk.	1,500
b		Goat Can. Block	add to 12				Deer	Signal Pk.	670
b		Lockney Block	add to 12				Deer	Signal Pk.	540
b		Mill-Scott Block	add to 12				Deer	Signal Pk.	500
b		South Block	add to 12				Deer	Signal Pk.	500
b		Tadpole North Block	add to 12				Deer	Signal Pk.	2,800
c		Area 74 Unit 9 Block	being done				Elk	Wahoo	6,069
c		Powderhorn #1 Block	add to 12				Deer	Up. Mimbres	c
d		<del>North Block</del>	<del>drop</del>				<del>Aquatics</del>	<del>Lake Roberts</del>	<del>d</del>

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		Thin Name							
nr		Sheep Basin PP/PJ Thin, Ph. 6					Elk	none	nr
nr		Snare Mesa PJ Thin, Ph. 2 of 5					Deer	none	nr
nr		Tierra Blanca PJ Thin, Ph. 1					Deer	none	nr

*Motioned by Dave and seconded by Bob to split the \$2,200 balance between Las Cruces and Socorro and to adopt the 2011 BLM list. Passed.*

*Motioned by Dusty and seconded by Dave to adopt the 2011 USFS list as it stands. Passed.*

#### PRIORITIZE 2012 PROPOSALS:

Dale indicated that there is no proposed budget for 2012 and that one will be presented this time next year after his administration meets. Proposals that the advisors rank today will be the ones the agencies will concentrate conducting NEPA on in the next year.

Margie indicated the Las Cruces burns included Cooks Range, Caballo Mtn., Los Uvas Mtns., and Big Hatchets Mtn.

Roberta asked that the Department's "Bighorn Enhancement Funds" should be sought to install Brushy #2 Guzzler.

Justin spoke about the Burro (formally Negrito)/Eckleberger Thin and Burn. NEPA is complete on these two areas and they hope to start thinning ponderosa pine on the Eckleberger block. The burning proposed will be cool burns to clean up fuels and reduces the number of small ponderosa pines and PJ.

Rene spoke about the Little Red Thin. This proposal ties into past work that has been done in Area 74 (which Block 10 will be burned in May 2101). He is asking for funding on phase 1 of 5. The thinning will occur in deer habitat and open up 5-acre blocks in a solid stand of PJ. This will release valuable Mtn. Mahogany. The thinned area will be opened up to people to collect firewood and then it will eventually be burned.

Amanda spoke about the Slaughter Mesa Block 4 treatment proposal. The NMDGF's Big Game Enhancement funds were used to obtain arch clearance on 100 acres. The treatment is to drastically thin encroaching PJ to improve pronghorn habitat. The entire area of pronghorn habitat (900 acres) will eventually be burned.

Tawnya spoke about the L-T Burn proposal. She said that NEPA is complete for all Upper Mimbres burn blocks. She advocates installing large signs to let the public know what is going on with the thinning and burning. She said that some water developments are not functioning in her district and that she is partnering with TNC and NWTF to begin fixing them in stages.

Tawnya spoke about the Lake Roberts angler access proposal. The intent is to use a backhoe to remove silt and associated cattails along the edges of the lake, thus allowing fishermen to access the water. Once removed, the hole will be armored with rocks to slow siltation and re-colonization of cattails. The free fishing day at Lake Roberts was very successful and documented by a *New Mexico Wildlife* TV show. She believes that the 2 solar bee water circulators are improving oxygen levels.

Tony spoke to the Signal Peak proposals. The Ft. Bayard Block is supportive of elk habitat. An elk hunt by youths occurs every year on Ft. Bayard. Other blocks emphasize deer. The Mill-Scott Block is ready to go now. He has talked to many funding partners, but none have committed. There may be a CFRP grant in the area to reduce fuel loading.

Melinda Benton was not present so Art spoke about the Sacoton Ph. 3 proposal. She did not obtain any funding partners.

The citizens were confused because many of the USFS presentations mention thinning and burning blocks that were not listed on the 2012 list or the ArcReader disks. The Gila was too busy to meet with Dale to resolve this situation. Art said that he likes to spread the HSP funds around to the 6 ranger districts to keep them motivated. As such he prefers maximum flexibility from the citizens and the State. Art asked Dale if he would bring forward the proposals' attributes from the 2011 list.

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1	SWBL-2012-001	Las Cruces HSP Maintenance	MARGIE GUZMAN	Combining all LCDO maintenance in 1 proposal. Hiring technician to MAINTAIN 47 WATER CATCHMENTS & 24 enclosures throughout THE LCDO. This WILL ENSURE THESE structures WILL FUNCTION PROPERLY & BENEFIT WILDLIFE. MAINTENANCE WILL BE CONDUCTED BI-ANNUALLY.	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$35,000	
1	SWBS-2012-001	Socorro HSP Maintenance	Madril, Carlos	Maintain 13 wildlife habitat improvement projects within various landscapes to enable wildlife to utilize and disperse into otherwise suitable habitat. Projects include: drinker replacement, enclosure reconstruction, storage replacement.	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$12,000	
2	SWBS-2012-003	Pelona Mountain PJ Thin for Deer, Shaw Mnt Units 1-5	Madril, Carlos	Pelona LS--Mechanically treat 100 acres (impact 596 acres) of encroaching PJ & PP and decadent stands of mountain mahogany. This project is part of a larger effort to effectively treat entire watershed(s). Request from RMEF, MDF, and NWTF.	\$20,000	\$50,000	\$90,650	\$160,650	
3	SWBL-2012-358	Jornada Creosote Spray for Pronghorn, Ph. 3 of 10	MARGIE GUZMAN	Jornada LS. SPRAY UP TO 4000 ACRES OF CREOSOTE. Request from QU as partner funds.	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$50,000	
4	SWBL-2012-360	West Potrillos Pipeline Guzzler #1 for Deer	STEVE TORREZ	Install one 1800 gallon boss tank guzzler on existing livestock pipeline to provide year-round water for deer, quail, javelina, small game and non-game species during times when livestock troughs have been shut off.	\$6,000	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$38,000	

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5	SWBL-2012-329	Las Cruces Burns	MARGIE GUZMAN	PROJECT HOUSES MULTIPLE PRESCRIBED BURN PROPOSALS FOR DEER, PRONGHORN, BIGHORN SHEEP HABITAT IMPROVEMENT AS PRESCRIPTION WINDOWS ALLOWS. Mechanically treat 270 of 900 acres utilizing hand crews with chainsaws within unit 3 of 13. Project would also serve as a pre-treatment for a planned prescribed burn.	\$20,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$120,000	Jornada Landscape
5	SWBS-2012-006	E. Magdalena Juniper Thin, Unit 3	Madril, Carlos	Project would be thinned in mosaic patterns to increase edge effect habitat. Treat 1851 acres within unit 2 of 6. Creosote would be treated within selected upper benches and other areas of rolling topography. Treatment would be completed utilizing aerial application of tebuthiuron at an application rate of 1/2 lb/acre.	\$20,000	\$34,000	\$0	\$54,000	
5	SWBS-2012-004	E. Magdalena Creosote Spray for Quail, Unit 2 of 6	Madril, Carlos	Mechanically thin 200 acres of PJ and browse using chainsaws in mosaic patterns to establish better forage / cover ratio. Treatment will tie existing vegetation projects and effectively treat the whole Chupadera Mesa landscape area.	\$10,000	\$37,000	\$9,000	\$56,000	
6	SWBS-2012-009	Lower Taylor Canyon PJ Thin for Deer	Apachito, Denny	Ladrona LS--Mechanically treat 250 acres of encroaching one-seed juniper for purposes of restoring grassland habitat.	\$15,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$35,000	
6	SWBS-2012-007	Ladrona Juniper Thin, Fence Unit 2	Madril, Carlos	Project would thin in a mosaic pattern to enhance edge effect habitat.	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$50,000	
6	SWBL-2012-110	Brushy #2 Guzzler Replacement for Bighorns	MARGIE GUZMAN	We propose to replace SWBL-1994-110, a non-functioning FIBERGLASS STORAGE TANK WITH A POLY TANK. Install one 1800 gallon boss tank guzzler on existing livestock pipeline to provide year-round water for deer, quail, javelina, small game and non-game species during times when livestock troughs have been shut off.	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$40,000	Jornada Landscape
6	SWBL-2012-361	West Potrillos Pipeline Guzzler #2 for Deer	STEVE TORREZ	Polvadera Mtn. LS--Mechanically treat 250 of 700 acres of one-seed juniper and mountain mahogany to enhance habitat	\$6,000	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$38,000	
6	SWBS-2012-005	Polvadera Mtn. Thin for Bighorns, Ph. 2 of 3	Madril, Carlos		\$20,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$50,000	

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6	SWBS-2012-008	Polvadera Creosote Spray, Ph. 3 of 6	Madril, Carlos	condition for bighorn sheep/mule deer. Project would link past and planned habitat enhancement work within the Polvadera Mtn. Landscape. Treat 1150 acres within unit 2 of 6. Creosote would be treated within selected upper benches and other areas of rolling topography. Treatment would be completed utilizing aerial application of tebuthiuron at an application rate of 1/2 lb/acre.	\$10,000	\$13,350	\$10,000	\$33,350	
6	SWBL-2012-359	Otero Mesa Landscape Wildlife Water	MARK HAKILLA	NO FEATURE?? Construct up to 30 wildlife watering units in the Otero Mesa Landscape area for deer, pronghorn, quail, small game and non-game species. Waters still to be determined for 2012 for inspection/repairs. Continue to ID & complete backlog of work needed to bring waters up to standard (i.e. signs, photos, gps, ramps, etc.) on 4 remaining districts: Glenwood, Silver, Black Range, & Wilderness.	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$130,000	Otero Landscape
1	SWFG-2012-001	Gila HSP Maintenance	Art Telles - SO		\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$60,000	Yes, Lake Roberts LS work on shoreline include area that is prop. of NMDGF. Mesilla Valley Fly Fisherman are committed partner.
2	SWFG-2012-051	Lake Roberts Fish Habitat & Angling Access Improvements, Ph. 1 of 3	Tawnya Brummett	Cattail removal in 5-10Æ sections with small excavator, bank steepening, and rock armoring. Steepening and armoring of the banks will prevent cattails from establishing and allow better fishing access.	\$10,000	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$16,000	

CAC Rank	HSP NO.	PROPOSAL NAME	LEAD	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	HSP COST	AGENCY COST	OTHER COST	TOTAL COST	LANDSCAPE PLNG/PARTNERS
3	SWFC-2012-001	Buckhorn Manzanita Mastication for Deer	Klingler, Glenn	Use a bobcat with a masticating attachment to remove manzanita. The project will be completed in approximately 1000 acre blocks. The entire project will be approximately 2000 treatable acres (total of 2350 acres within the project area).	\$70,000	\$8,500	\$0	\$78,500	All burns/thins currently proposed are part of LS effort. Onboard partners include Nature Conservancy, RMEF, & non-HSP branches of Game & Fish.
3	SWFG-2012-011	Gila Burns/Thins	Art Telles _SO	This proposal houses multiple burn proposals. As Rx windows for each burn open, funds will be allocated up to amount approved. If not burns: thinning, pulling, brush crushing. See features for project descriptions & polygons of burn blocks.	\$80,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$280,000	

*Motioned by Dusty and seconded by Dave to accept the above ranking of the 2012 SW Proposal list. Passed.*

**NEXT MEETING/FIELD TRIP:**

The Executive Committee inspected projects last summer. The agency leadership would like to get other people looking at projects also. Dale asked citizens to pick a project and go look at it with the agency personnel. Take some pictures, note any maintenance need or vandalism and report back to Dale. Citizens asked to see the Tularosa fisheries project by BLM. They also wanted to see Pelona BLM one day and then overnight at the Willow Creek fisheries project by USFS this summer.

The group wanted to hold a two day meeting again next year during the week in Silver City.

**Adjourned at 5 pm.**