

## **Habitat Partnership Program**

### **Fencing Voucher Guidelines**

#### **Requirements for NLCHPP Landowner Compensation for Fence Damage Caused by Wildlife**

Whereas damage to fences caused by wildlife is a natural occurrence and the landowner is burdened with fence repair at his expense of time, materials and straying cattle.

Therefore be it resolved that the NLCHPP recognizes this fence damage by wildlife and resulting expense and establishes a compensation fencing program. The following criteria must be met in order for a private landowner to qualify for fence damage compensation and reasonable payment through a voucher program.

- 1) The landowner must own the land the fence is on or be responsible for repair and maintenance of any or all fence damage for which compensation is requested and a claim is made due to wildlife.
- 2) Ownership of land where the fence is located or legal responsibility (a grazing lease) of fence maintenance must be provided in the application for which fencing materials are requested. Qualifying acreage of land ownership must be provided. Verification may be required if any questions arise of ownership/responsibility.
- 3) An application for a one time annual claim must be filled out (see application) and submitted to the NLCHPP committee for approval prior to any material acquisition for which compensation may be requested. No exceptions. Annual funding and budgeting for this program is ten thousand dollars. If more funding is requested than is appropriated only those first applying and approved will be considered. A new fiscal year beginning 7-1-11 and ending 6-30-2012 will extend the program.
- 4) Landowner requirements and payment by voucher. The limitations and conditions are as follows:
  - a) Voucher 1 (Level #1): A qualifying landowner must own (legal description) at least 160 acres within the NLCHPP boundary (maps available) and will receive a voucher to be redeemed at Poudre Valley CO-OP in Ft. Collins, CO. The voucher will be for a value of up to \$200 of fencing materials (see accepted list). One claim per fiscal year.
  - b) Voucher 2 (Level #2): Same as #1 except for the following:
    - i) Land ownership for fencing responsibility of at least 600 acres within the NLCHPP boundary.
    - ii) Voucher will be for \$300 of approved fencing materials (see list). Limit 1 claim per fiscal year.
  - c) Voucher 3 (Level #3): Same as #1 except for the following:
    - i) Land ownership for fencing responsibility of at least 1000 acres within the NLCHPP boundary.
    - ii) Voucher will be for \$550 of approved fencing materials. Limit 1 claim per fiscal year.
- 5) When your application is fully and accurately completed, and applicant qualifies, a seven to ten day approval period from the date of the receipt of the completed application is required. Vouchers will be sent to approved applicants for redemptions at Poudre Valley COOP, 225 NW Frontage Rd., Fort Collins, CO Ph 221-5300