

2021 Elk Meadows Fence Committee Report 6/28/21

Over the course of 3 half days 6 EM volunteers walked the entire Elk Meadows Perimeter Fence and affected repairs. Repairs consisted of:

- Removing fallen trees
- Stapling wires back onto wooden posts where wires had fallen away
- Using wire clips to tie wires back onto metal posts where plastic clips had broken
- Reconnecting broken strands using wire loops to connect both broken ends into one continuous strand
- Adding “hanging fence posts” using branches to add tension or strength to a span that is loose

Please refer to the attached plat diagram for the following.

The fence crew did notice that the Rancher (Rich Weber) who grazes cattle on the adjoining land, reinforced one area of smooth wire fencing with 2 strands of barbed wire. Marked on the diagram as **A**. Chronic incursions by his cows has occurred over the past 2 years with EM residents chasing the cows back out and repairing this section repeatedly. The efforts of the Weber's is appreciated!

There are 3 areas of concern for immediate or near future fence replacement. The most urgent area was noted in 2020 as needing replacement in 1-2 years. A year has passed and many repairs were again made along this section. Therefore the recommendation of the fence committee is to enter into discussions with Weber to negotiate 50/50 payment for immediate replacement of this section marked as **B**. It is the recommendation of the fence committee this be replaced with 3 strands of barbed wire using wire clips (not plastic clips).

2 other areas have now been heavily repaired for 2 consecutive years and the fence committee is now recommending they be put onto the 2022 schedule for replacement. They are marked as **C** and **D**.

Otherwise the rest of the perimeter fencing was in fair to good condition. Only 4-5 trees had fallen onto the fence 2 of which could be removed by hand, 3 had to be cut off with a chainsaw. There was heavy loss of plastic wireclips replaced with metal wireclips along newer sections of fence.

The Fence Committee did turn in a receipt for more wire clips as all were used.

The Fence Committee thanks the Volunteers for their time and efforts!

Respectfully submitted by,

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Tree

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