

Phases of BLM Authorization Prior to Oil & Gas Development

Planning/RMP

Occurs via RMP revision or amendment

Define which areas are open or closed to leasing

Develop list of stipulations that can be applied to future leases to protect resources

Leasing

Occurs via lease sale

Confirm nominated area is defined as “open to leasing” in RMP

Evaluate presence of environmental resources on nominated area

Apply stipulations to lease to protect identified resources

Auction off lease at public auction, with stipulations known to bidders

Development

Receive *Application for Permit to Drill (APD)* from oil or gas company

Confirm proposed activities conform to lease stipulations

Apply Conditions of Approval to specific plan of operations

Issue or Deny Permit to Drill