

Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Oil and Gas Leasing Restrictions

Alternative A:

Portions of sage-grouse core habitat areas would be unavailable for leasing to protect other sensitive resources.

Sage-grouse leks inside core and connectivity habitat areas: Surface occupancy or surface disturbing activities would be prohibited or avoided (depending on field office/planning unit) on or within a 0.25-mile radius of the perimeter of occupied sage-grouse leks.

Alternative B:

Priority sage-grouse habitat areas would be closed to fluid mineral leasing.

Sage-grouse leks inside sage-grouse priority and connectivity habitat areas: New surface occupancy would not be allowed on federal leases within priority habitats. This would include winter concentration areas during any time of the year.

Sage-grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitat inside priority habitat areas: A seasonal restriction on exploratory drilling that prohibits surface-disturbing activities during the nesting and early brood-rearing season would be applied in all sage-grouse priority habitat during this period.

Alternative C:

Priority and general sage-grouse habitat areas would be closed to fluid mineral leasing.

Sage-grouse leks inside sage-grouse priority and connectivity habitat areas: Same as Alternative B.

Sage-grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitat in priority and general habitat areas: A seasonal restriction on exploratory drilling that prohibits surface-disturbing activities during the nesting and brood-rearing season would be applied in all occupied sage-grouse habitat during this period. This seasonal restriction would also apply to related activities that are disruptive to sage-grouse, including vehicle traffic and other human presence.

Alternative D:

Fluid mineral leasing would be administratively unavailable in the following special management or higher sage-grouse core habitat areas: Raven Creek (Newcastle Field Office) and Beaver Ridge (Pinedale Field Office).

Sage-grouse leks inside core and connectivity habitat areas: Surface occupancy or surface disturbing activities would be prohibited or restricted on or within a 0.25-mile radius of the perimeter of occupied sage-grouse leks.

Sage-grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitat inside core habitat areas: Surface disturbing and/or disruptive activities would be prohibited or restricted from March 15-June 30. This restriction would be applied to all identified nesting and early brood-rearing habitats inside core habitat areas within 2 miles of the lek within sage-grouse core habitat areas.

Alternative E:

Portions of sage-grouse core habitat areas would be unavailable for leasing to protect other sensitive resources.

Sage-grouse leks inside core and connectivity habitat areas: Surface occupancy and surface disturbing activities would be prohibited on or within a 0.6-mile radius of the perimeter of occupied sage-grouse leks.

Sage-grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitat inside core habitat areas: Surface disturbing and/or disruptive activities would be prohibited from March 1–June 30 to protect sage-grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood rearing habitat. This timing limitation would be applied throughout the sage-grouse core area habitats.

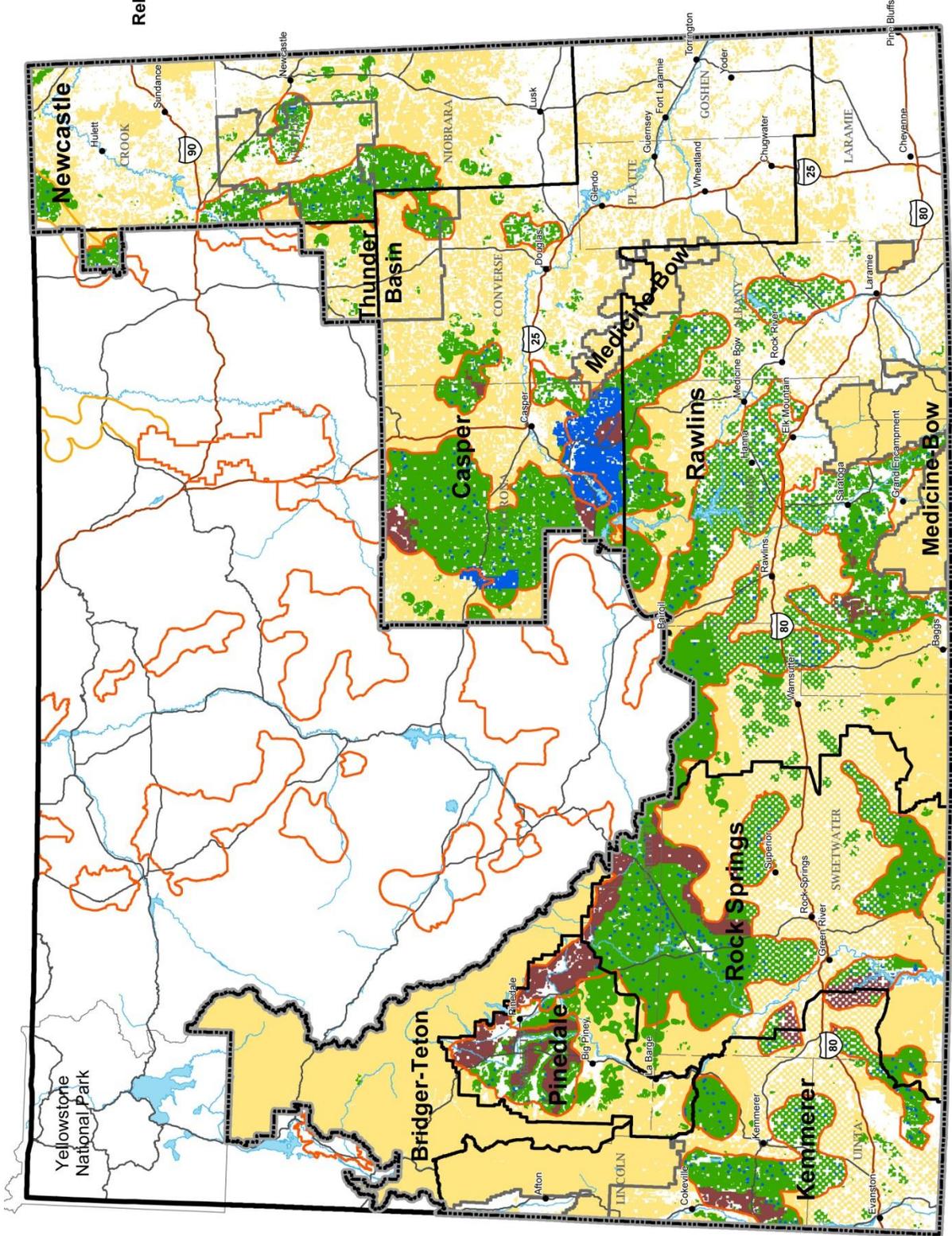


**For more information on management actions pertaining to oil and gas leasing restrictions, please refer to Chapter 2 of the *Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendment and Draft EIS*.

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Map 2-8: Alternative E
Oil and Gas Leasing Restrictions
Related to Greater Sage-Grouse Habitat

- LUP Amendments Planning Area
- BLM Field Office Boundary
- Forest Service Planning Unit Boundary
- Closed to Oil and Gas Leasing
- No Surface Occupancy
- Controlled Surface Use
- Federal Mineral Estate
- Sage-grouse Priority/Core Habitat Areas
- Sage-grouse Connectivity Habitat Areas
- Counties
- Water
- Interstate
- State / US Hwy
- Cities



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