

APPENDIX E—FLUID MINERAL STIPULATIONS

Management Action #122	Alternative D	Stipulation Type: Controlled Surface Use (CSU)
Density and disturbance inside Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas		
Management Action Text	<p>Inside Greater Sage-Grouse core habitat areas, the density and disturbance goals would include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The density of energy production (excluding coal and trona mining) and/or transmission structures (excluding buried pipelines or buried power lines) on the landscape would be managed. 2) An average of three energy production locations and/or transmission structures per 640 acres within the Disturbance Density Calculation Tool (DDCT) area would not be exceeded; and the combined value of existing and proposed disturbances within each DDCT would not exceed 9% loss of sagebrush habitat. 	
Protected Resource	Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas	
Land Use Plan (LUP) Acres Affected (Approx.)	***	
Stipulation Description	<p>Stipulation: Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas. Surface occupancy or use will be restricted to no more than an average of three energy production locations and/or transmission structures per 640 acres, and the cumulative value of all applicable surface disturbances, existing or future, must not result in greater than 9% loss of the sagebrush habitat within designated core areas, as mapped on the Field Office Geographic Information System (GIS) database, as described in the DDCT.</p> <p>This lease does not guarantee the lessee the right to occupy the surface of the lease for the purpose of producing oil and natural gas within Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas. The surface occupancy restriction criteria identified in this stipulation may preclude surface occupancy and may be beyond the ability of the lessee to meet due to existing surface disturbance on Federal, State, or private lands within designated core areas or surface disturbance created by other land users. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may require the lessee or operator to enter into a unit agreement or drilling easement to facilitate the equitable development of this and surrounding leases.</p> <p>Purpose: To protect Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas from habitat fragmentation and loss.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, would not impair the function or utility of the site for the current or subsequent seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of Greater Sage-Grouse. An exception to the 9% limit may be granted when additional mitigation is demonstrated to be capable of offsetting the resultant loss to Greater Sage-Grouse or their habitats. Energy production locations and transmission structures utilized for this computation are not limited to fluid minerals production and transmission. However, coal production, trona production, buried pipelines, and buried power lines are exempted from this computation. The BLM can and does grant exceptions if the BLM, in coordination with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD), determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the area subject to the stipulation or surface occupancy criteria if an environmental record of review finds that a portion of the CSU area is nonessential, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime</p>	

	<p>loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the site is no longer considered in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated core area, or Greater Sage-Grouse are no longer a BLM sensitive or special status species and are not listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	
<p>Management Action #122</p>	<p>Alternative E</p>	<p>Stipulation Type: CSU</p>
<p>Density and disturbance inside Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas</p>		
<p>Management Action Text</p>	<p>Inside Greater Sage-Grouse core habitat areas, the BLM/Forest Service would limit the density of oil and gas or mining activities to no more than an average of 1 location per 640 acres, subject to valid existing rights, and would limit all surface disturbance (any program area) to no more than 5% of the core landscape using the DDCT process described in Appendix I.</p>	
<p>Protected Resource</p>	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas</p>	
<p>LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)</p>	<p>***</p>	
<p>Stipulation Description</p>	<p>Stipulation: Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas. Surface occupancy or use will be restricted to no more than an average of one disturbance location per 640 acres using the DDCT, and the cumulative value of all applicable surface disturbances, existing or future, must not exceed 5% of the DDCT area, as described in the DDCT.</p> <p>This lease does not guarantee the lessee the right to occupy the surface of the lease for the purpose of producing oil and natural gas within Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas. The surface occupancy restriction criteria identified in this stipulation may preclude surface occupancy and may be beyond the ability of the lessee to meet due to existing surface disturbance on Federal, State, or private lands within designated core areas or surface disturbance created by other land users. The BLM may require the lessee or operator to enter into a unit agreement or drilling easement to facilitate the equitable development of this and surrounding leases.</p> <p>Purpose: To protect Greater Sage-Grouse designated core areas from habitat fragmentation and loss.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, would not impair the function or utility of the site for the current or subsequent seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of Greater Sage-Grouse. An exception to the stated limits may be granted when offsite mitigation is determined to provide an overall beneficial effect to Greater Sage-Grouse habitat and populations. The BLM can and does grant exceptions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGF, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the area subject to the stipulation or surface occupancy criteria if an environmental record of review finds that a portion of the CSU area is nonessential, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	

	<p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the site is no longer considered in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated core area, or Greater Sage-Grouse are no longer a BLM sensitive or special status species and are not listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	
<p>Management Action #123</p>	<p>Alternative B</p>	<p>Stipulation Type: CSU</p>
<p>Density and disturbance inside Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas</p>		
<p>Management Action Text</p>	<p>Inside Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas, the disturbance goals would include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The existing level of density of disturbance would be managed on the landscape. 2) 3% habitat disturbance (up to 19.2 acres) per 640 acres would not be exceeded using the DDCT process. 	
<p>Protected Resource</p>	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas</p>	
<p>LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)</p>	<p>***</p>	
<p>Stipulation Description</p>	<p>Stipulation: Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas. The cumulative value of all applicable surface disturbances (existing or future, and not limited to fluid mineral disturbances) must not exceed an average of 3% - or 19.2 acres (whichever represents the smaller disturbance) - of the sagebrush habitat mapped on the Field Office GIS database per 640 acres, as described in the DDCT.</p> <p>This lease does not guarantee the lessee the right to occupy the surface of the lease for the purpose of producing oil and natural gas within Greater Sage-Grouse designated connectivity areas. The surface occupancy restriction criteria identified in this stipulation may preclude surface occupancy and may be beyond the ability of the lessee to meet due to existing surface disturbance on Federal, State, or private lands within designated connectivity areas or surface disturbance created by other land users. The BLM may require the lessee or operator to enter into a unit agreement or drilling easement to facilitate the equitable development of this and surrounding leases.</p> <p>Purpose: To protect Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas from habitat fragmentation and loss.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, would not impair the function or utility of the site for the current or subsequent seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of Greater Sage-Grouse. The BLM can and does grant exceptions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the area subject to the stipulation or surface occupancy criteria if an environmental record of review finds that a portion of the CSU area is nonessential, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the site is no longer considered in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated connectivity area, or Greater</p>	

	<p>Sage-Grouse are no longer a BLM sensitive or special status species and are not listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	
<p>Management Action #123</p>	<p>Alternative D</p>	<p>Stipulation Type: CSU</p>
<p>Density and disturbance inside Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas</p>		
<p>Management Action Text</p>	<p>Inside Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas, the disturbance goals would include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The density of energy production (excluding coal and trona mining) and/or transmission structures (excluding buried pipelines or power lines) would be managed on the landscape. 2) 9% habitat disturbance (up to 57.6 acres) per 640 acres would not be exceeded using the DDCT process. 	
<p>Protected Resource</p>	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas</p>	
<p>LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)</p>	<p>***</p>	
<p>Stipulation Description</p>	<p>Stipulation: Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas. The cumulative value of all applicable surface disturbances (existing or future) from energy production locations and/or transmission structures must not exceed an average of 9% - or 57.6 acres (whichever represents the smaller disturbance) - of the sagebrush habitat mapped on the Field Office GIS database per 640 acres, as described in the DDCT.</p> <p>This lease does not guarantee the lessee the right to occupy the surface of the lease for the purpose of producing oil and natural gas within Greater Sage-Grouse designated connectivity areas. The surface occupancy restriction criteria identified in this stipulation may preclude surface occupancy and may be beyond the ability of the lessee to meet due to existing surface disturbance on Federal, State, or private lands within designated connectivity areas or surface disturbance created by other land users. The BLM may require the lessee or operator to enter into a unit agreement or drilling easement to facilitate the equitable development of this and surrounding leases.</p> <p>Purpose: To protect Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas from habitat fragmentation and loss.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, would not impair the function or utility of the site for the current or subsequent seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of Greater Sage-Grouse. An exception to the 9% limit may be granted when additional mitigation is demonstrated to be capable of offsetting the resultant loss to Greater Sage-Grouse or their habitats. Energy production locations and transmission structures utilized for this computation are not limited to fluid minerals production and transmission. However, coal production, trona production, buried pipelines, and buried power lines are exempted from this computation. The BLM can and does grant exceptions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the area subject to the stipulation or surface occupancy criteria if an environmental record of review finds that a portion of the CSU area is nonessential, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the site is no longer considered in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated connectivity area, or Greater Sage-Grouse are no</p>	

	<p>longer a BLM sensitive or special status species and are not listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	
<p>Management Action #123</p>	<p>Alternative E</p>	<p>Stipulation Type: CSU</p>
<p>Density and disturbance inside Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas</p>		
<p>Management Action Text</p>	<p>Inside sage-grouse connectivity areas, all surface disturbance (any program area) would be limited to no more than 5% per 640 acres using the DDCT process described in Appendix I.</p>	
<p>Protected Resource</p>	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas</p>	
<p>LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)</p>	<p>***</p>	
<p>Stipulation Description</p>	<p>Stipulation: Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas. The cumulative value of all applicable surface disturbances (existing or future, and not limited to fluid mineral disturbances) must not exceed an average of 5% of the sagebrush habitat mapped on the Field Office GIS database per 640 acres, as described in the DDCT.</p> <p>This lease does not guarantee the lessee the right to occupy the surface of the lease for the purpose of producing oil and natural gas within Greater Sage-Grouse designated connectivity areas. The surface occupancy restriction criteria identified in this stipulation may preclude surface occupancy and may be beyond the ability of the lessee to meet due to existing surface disturbance on Federal, State, or private lands within the designated connectivity areas or surface disturbance created by other land users. The BLM may require the lessee or operator to enter into a unit agreement or drilling easement to facilitate the equitable development of this and surrounding leases.</p> <p>Purpose: To protect Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity areas from habitat fragmentation and loss.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, would not impair the function or utility of the site for the current or subsequent seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of Greater Sage-Grouse. An exception to the stated limits may be granted when offsite mitigation is determined to provide an overall beneficial effect to sage-grouse habitat and populations. The BLM can and does grant exceptions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the area subject to the stipulation or surface occupancy criteria if an environmental record of review finds that a portion of the CSU area is nonessential, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the site is no longer considered in the land use plan to be Greater Sage-Grouse connectivity habitat, or Greater Sage-Grouse are no longer a BLM sensitive or special status species and are not listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	

Management Action #125	Alternative B	Stipulation Type: NSO
Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas		
Management Action Text	<p>Sage-grouse leks inside sage-grouse priority and connectivity habitat areas: Provide the following conservation measures as terms and conditions of the approved Resource Management Plan (RMP): 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.</p> <p>The following exceptions would be considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If the lease is entirely within priority habitats, a 4-mile No Surface Occupancy (NSO) would be applied around the lek, and permitted disturbances would be limited to 1 per section with no more than 3% surface disturbance in that section. 2) If the entire lease is within the 4-mile lek perimeter, permitted disturbances would be limited to 1 per section with no more than 3% surface disturbance in that section. 	
Protected Resource	Occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas	
LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)	***	
Stipulation Description	<p>Stipulation: Occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas. This area encompasses occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas. No surface occupancy or use is allowed within a four (4) mile radius of the perimeter of occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas, as mapped on the Field Office GIS database.</p> <p>Purpose: To protect occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks and associated seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of Greater Sage-Grouse in proximity to leks, from habitat fragmentation and loss and Greater Sage-Grouse populations from disturbance inside designated core areas and connectivity areas.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, would not impair the function or utility of the site for the current or subsequent seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of Greater Sage-Grouse. The BLM can and does grant exceptions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the area subject to the stipulation or the NSO criteria if an environmental record of review finds that a portion of the NSO area is nonessential, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the site is no longer considered in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated core area or connectivity area, or Greater Sage-Grouse are no longer a BLM sensitive or special status species and are not listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	

Management Action #125		Alternative D	Stipulation Type: NSO
Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas			
Management Action Text	Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside core and connectivity habitat areas: Surface occupancy or surface disturbing activities would be prohibited or restricted on or within one quarter (0.25) mile radius of the perimeter of occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks (Map 2-2).		
Protected Resource	Occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas		
LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)	***		
Stipulation Description	<p>Stipulation: Occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas. This area encompasses occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas. No surface occupancy or use is allowed within a one-quarter (0.25) mile radius of the perimeter of occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas, as mapped on the Field Office GIS database.</p> <p>Purpose: To protect occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks and associated seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of Greater Sage-Grouse in proximity to leks, from habitat fragmentation and loss and Greater Sage-Grouse populations from disturbance inside designated core areas and connectivity areas.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, would not impair the function or utility of the site for the current or subsequent seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of Greater Sage-Grouse. The BLM can and does grant exceptions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the area subject to the stipulation or the NSO criteria if an environmental record of review finds that a portion of the NSO area is nonessential, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the site is no longer considered in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated core area or connectivity area, or Greater Sage-Grouse are no longer a BLM sensitive or special status species and are not listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>		
Management Action #125		Alternative E	Stipulation Type: NSO
Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas			
Management Action Text	Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside core and connectivity habitat areas: Surface occupancy and surface disturbing activities would be prohibited on or within a six tenths (0.6) mile radius of the perimeter of occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks (Map 2-3).		
Protected Resource	Occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas and connectivity areas		
LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)	***		

	<p>function or utility of the site for the current or subsequent seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of Greater Sage-Grouse. The BLM can and does grant exceptions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the area subject to the stipulation or the NSO criteria if an environmental record of review finds that a portion of the NSO area is nonessential, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the site is no longer considered in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated core area or connectivity area, or Greater Sage-Grouse are no longer a BLM sensitive or special status species and are not listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	
Management Action #127	Alternative D	Stipulation Type: TLS
Greater Sage-Grouse nesting/early brood-rearing habitat in designated core areas		
Management Action Text	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse nesting/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 two miles of the lek, within Greater Sage-Grouse core habitat areas.</p>	
Protected Resource	<p>Nesting and early brood-rearing habitats inside designated core areas, within two miles from an occupied lek</p>	
LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)	<p>***</p>	
Stipulation Description	<p>Stipulation: Nesting and early brood-rearing habitats. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse nesting and early brood-rearing habitats inside designated core areas, within two miles from an occupied lek. No surface disturbing or disruptive activities are allowed during March 15 – June 30.</p> <p>Purpose: To seasonally protect Greater Sage-Grouse nesting and early brood-rearing habitats inside designated core areas, within two miles from an occupied lek, from surface disturbing or disruptive activities.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, will not affect reproductive displays, nest attendance, egg or chick survival, or early brood-rearing success. Actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of suitable Greater Sage-Grouse habitat may be exempted from this timing limitation. The BLM can and does grant exceptions to seasonal restrictions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the size and shape of the timing limitation stipulation (TLS) area or the TLS criteria if an environmental record of review indicates the actual habitat suitability for seasonal Greater Sage-Grouse activities is greater or less than the stipulated area, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for</p>	

	<p>maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the described lands are no longer considered in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated core area, or are incapable of serving the long-term requirements of Greater Sage-Grouse nesting habitat and that these ranges no longer warrant consideration as components of Greater Sage-Grouse nesting habitat. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	
Management Action #127	Alternative E	Stipulation Type: TLS
Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat in designated core areas		
Management Action Text	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse nesting/early brood-rearing habitat inside core habitat areas: Surface disturbing and/or disruptive activities would be prohibited from March 1–June 30 to protect Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitat. This timing limitation would be applied throughout the sage-grouse core area habitats. Activities in unsuitable habitats would be evaluated under the exception, waiver, and modification criteria and could be allowed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Where credible data support different timeframes for this seasonal restriction, dates could be expanded by up to 14 days prior to, or subsequent to, the above dates.</p>	
Protected Resource	Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat inside designated core areas	
LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)	***	
Stipulation Description	<p>Stipulation: Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitats inside designated core areas. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitats inside designated core areas. No surface use is allowed during March 1 – June 30 inside designated core areas.</p> <p>Purpose: To seasonally protect Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitats from disruptive activities inside designated core areas.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, will not affect reproductive displays, nest attendance, egg or chick survival, or early brood-rearing success. Actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of suitable Greater Sage-Grouse habitat may be exempted from this timing limitation. The BLM can and does grant exceptions to seasonal restrictions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the size and shape of the TLS area or the TLS criteria if an environmental record of review indicates the actual habitat suitability for seasonal Greater Sage-Grouse activities is greater or less than the stipulated area, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the described lands are no longer considered</p>	

	in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated core area, or are incapable of serving the long-term requirements of Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, or early brood-rearing habitat and that these ranges no longer warrant consideration as components of Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, or early brood-rearing habitat. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)
Management Action #128	Alternative D
Stipulation Type: TLS	
Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat inside connectivity areas	
Management Action Text	Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat inside connectivity 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 two miles of the lek.
Protected Resource	Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat within connectivity areas
LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)	***
Stipulation Description	<p>Stipulation: Greater Sage-Grouse nesting and early brood-rearing habitat within connectivity areas. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse nesting and early brood-rearing habitat within connectivity areas. No surface use is allowed during March 15 – June 30 in breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitats inside connectivity areas, within two miles of an occupied lek.</p> <p>Purpose: To seasonally protect Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitat from disruptive activities within connectivity areas.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, will not affect reproductive displays, nest attendance, egg or chick survival, or early brood-rearing success. Actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of suitable Greater Sage-Grouse habitat may be exempted from this timing limitation. The BLM can and does grant exceptions to seasonal restrictions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the size and shape of the TLS area or the TLS criteria if an environmental record of review indicates the actual habitat suitability for seasonal Greater Sage-Grouse activities is greater or less than the stipulated area, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the described lands are no longer considered in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated connectivity area, or are incapable of serving the long-term requirements of Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, or early brood-rearing habitat and that these ranges no longer warrant consideration as components of Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, or early brood-rearing habitat. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>

Management Action #128	Alternative E	Stipulation Type: TLS
Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat inside connectivity areas		
Management Action Text	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat inside connectivity areas:</p> <p>Surface disturbing and/or disruptive activities would be prohibited within connectivity habitat from March 1–June 30 to protect breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitats within 4 miles of the lek or lek perimeter of any occupied Greater Sage-Grouse lek within identified connectivity areas. This timing limitation would be applied throughout the Greater Sage-Grouse core area habitats. Activities in unsuitable habitats would be evaluated under the exception, waiver, and modification criteria and may be allowed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Where credible data support different timeframes for this seasonal restriction, dates could be expanded by 14 days prior or subsequent to the above dates.</p>	
Protected Resource	Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat within connectivity areas	
LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)	***	
Stipulation Description	<p>Stipulation: Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitat within connectivity areas. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitat within connectivity areas. No surface use is allowed during March 1 – June 30 in breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitats (independent of habitat suitability) inside connectivity areas, within four miles of an occupied lek.</p> <p>Purpose: To seasonally protect Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitats (independent of habitat suitability) inside connectivity areas from disruptive activities, within four miles of an occupied lek.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, will not affect reproductive displays, nest attendance, egg or chick survival, or early brood-rearing success. Actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of suitable Greater Sage-Grouse habitat may be exempted from this timing limitation. The BLM can and does grant exceptions to seasonal restrictions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the size and shape of the TLS area or the TLS criteria if an environmental record of review indicates the actual habitat suitability for seasonal Greater Sage-Grouse activities is greater or less than the stipulated area, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the described lands are no longer considered in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated connectivity area, or are incapable of serving the long-term requirements of Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, or early brood-rearing habitat and that these ranges no longer warrant consideration as components of Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, or early brood-rearing habitat. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	
Management Action #129	Alternative D	Stipulation Type: TLS
Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat outside designated core areas		

and connectivity areas		
Management Action Text	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat outside sage-grouse core and connectivity habitat areas: Surface disturbing and/or disruptive activities would be prohibited or restricted from March 15–June 30.</p> <p>This restriction would be applied to all identified breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitats outside core habitat areas within two miles of the lek.</p>	
Protected Resource	Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat outside designated core areas and connectivity areas	
LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)	***	
Stipulation Description	<p>Stipulation: Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitat outside designated core areas and connectivity areas. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitat outside designated core areas and connectivity areas. No surface use is allowed during March 15 – June 30 in breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitats outside designated core areas and connectivity areas, within two miles of an occupied lek.</p> <p>Purpose: To seasonally protect Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood-rearing habitats from disruptive activities outside designated core areas and connectivity areas, within two miles of an occupied lek.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, will not affect reproductive displays, nest attendance, egg or chick survival, or early brood-rearing success. Actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of suitable Greater Sage-Grouse habitat may be exempted from this timing limitation. The BLM can and does grant exceptions to seasonal restrictions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the size and shape of the TLS area or the TLS criteria if an environmental record of review indicates the actual habitat suitability for seasonal Greater Sage-Grouse activities is greater or less than the stipulated area or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the described lands are incapable of serving the long-term requirements of Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, or early brood-rearing habitat, and that these ranges no longer warrant consideration as components of Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, or early brood-rearing habitat. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	
Management Action #129	Alternative E	Stipulation Type: TLS
Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat outside designated core areas and connectivity areas		
Management Action Text	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting and early brood-rearing habitat outside Greater Sage-Grouse core and connectivity habitat areas: Surface disturbing and/or disruptive activities would be prohibited from March 15–June 30 to protect Greater Sage-Grouse breeding, nesting, and early brood rearing habitats within 2 miles of the lek or lek perimeter of any occupied lek located outside core or connectivity areas.</p>	

	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas within designated core areas.</p> <p>Purpose: To seasonally protect Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas from disruptive activities within designated core areas.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, will not impair the function and suitability of the winter concentration area, or it is determined that the winter concentration area is not occupied by concentrated populations of Greater Sage-Grouse during the period of concern. Actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of suitable Greater Sage-Grouse habitat may be exempted from this timing limitation. The BLM can and does grant exceptions to seasonal restrictions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the size and shape of the TLS area or the TLS criteria if an environmental record of review indicates the actual habitat suitability for seasonal Greater Sage-Grouse activities is greater or less than the stipulated area, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the described lands are incapable of serving the long-term requirements of Greater Sage-Grouse winter habitat, and that these ranges no longer warrant consideration as components of Greater Sage-Grouse winter habitat. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	
Management Action #130	Alternative D	Stipulation Type: TLS
Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas supporting connectivity populations		
Management Action Text	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas: Surface disturbing and/or disruptive activities in mapped Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas within Greater Sage-Grouse core habitat areas would be prohibited from November 15-March 14.</p> <p>Surface disturbing and/or disruptive activities in mapped Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas supporting connectivity populations would be prohibited from November 15-March 14.</p>	
Protected Resource	Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas supporting connectivity populations	
LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)	***	
Stipulation Description	<p>Stipulation: Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas supporting connectivity populations. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas supporting connectivity populations. No surface use is allowed during November 15 – March 14 in Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas supporting connectivity populations.</p> <p>Purpose: To seasonally protect Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas supporting connectivity populations from disruptive activities.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, will not impair the function and suitability of the winter concentration area, or it is determined that the winter concentration area is not occupied by concentrated populations of Greater Sage-Grouse during the period of concern. Actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of suitable Greater Sage-Grouse habitat may be exempted from this timing limitation. The BLM can and does grant exceptions to seasonal restrictions if the</p>	

	<p>BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the size and shape of the TLS area or the TLS criteria if an environmental record of review indicates the actual habitat suitability for seasonal Greater Sage-Grouse activities is greater or less than the stipulated area, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive displays, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the described lands are incapable of serving the long-term requirements of Greater Sage-Grouse winter habitat, and that these ranges no longer warrant consideration as components of Greater Sage-Grouse winter habitat. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	
Management Action #130	Alternative E	Stipulation Type: TLS
Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas within designated core areas, and outside designated core areas when supporting wintering Greater Sage-Grouse that nest within designated core areas		
Management Action Text	<p>Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas: Surface disturbing and/or disruptive activities in Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas would be prohibited from December 1–March 14 to protect core area populations of Greater Sage-Grouse that use these winter concentration habitats. This timing limitation would be applied throughout the Greater Sage-Grouse core area habitats.</p> <p>Activities in unsuitable habitats within core habitat areas would be evaluated under the exception, waiver, and modification criteria and could be allowed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Protection of additional areas of winter concentration areas (WCA) that are not located within the current core area boundaries would be implemented where WCAs are identified as supporting populations of sage-grouse that attend leks within core habitat. Appropriate seasonal timing restrictions and habitat protection measures would be considered and evaluated in all identified winter concentration areas.</p>	
Protected Resource	Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas within designated core areas, and outside designated core areas when supporting wintering Greater Sage-Grouse that nest within designated core areas	
LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)	***	
Stipulation Description	<p>Stipulation: Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas. This area encompasses Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas. No surface use is allowed during December 1 – March 14 within Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas in designated core areas, and outside designated core areas when supporting wintering Greater Sage-Grouse that attend leks within designated core areas.</p> <p>Purpose: To seasonally protect Greater Sage-Grouse winter concentration areas from disruptive activities.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, will not impair the function and suitability of the winter concentration area, or it is determined that the winter concentration area is not occupied by concentrated populations of Greater Sage-Grouse during the period of concern. Actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of suitable Greater Sage-Grouse habitat may be exempted from this timing limitation. The BLM can and does grant exceptions to seasonal restrictions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not</p>	

	<p>adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the size and shape of the TLS area or the TLS criteria if an environmental record of review indicates the actual habitat suitability for seasonal Greater Sage-Grouse activities is greater or less than the stipulated area, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the described lands are incapable of serving the long-term requirements of Greater Sage-Grouse winter habitat and that these ranges no longer warrant consideration as components of Greater Sage-Grouse winter habitat. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>	
Management Action #132	Alternative E	Stipulation Type: TLS
Noise levels affecting Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas		
Management Action Text	<p>The BLM/Forest Service would work with proponents to limit project related noise where it would be expected to reduce functionality of habitats that support core habitat area populations.</p> <p>The BLM/Forest Service would evaluate the potential for limitation of new noise sources on a case-by-case basis as appropriate.</p> <p>BLM/Forest Service's near-term goal would be to limit noise sources that would be expected to negatively impact core habitat area Greater Sage-Grouse populations and to continue to support the establishment of ambient baseline noise levels for occupied core habitat area leks.</p> <p>As additional research and information emerges, specific new limitations appropriate to the type of projects being considered would be evaluated and appropriate limitations would be implemented where necessary to minimize potential for noise impacts on Greater Sage-Grouse core population behavioral cycles.</p> <p>As new research is completed, new specific limitations would be coordinated with the WGFD and partners.</p> <p>Noise levels at the 0.6 mile perimeter of the lek should not exceed 10 dBA above ambient noise from March 1 through May 15.</p>	
Protected Resource	Noise levels affecting Greater Sage-Grouse leks inside designated core areas	
LUP Acres Affected (Approx.)	***	
Stipulation Description	<p>Stipulation: Occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks in designated core areas. This area encompasses occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks in designated core areas. Noise levels may not exceed 10 dBA above ambient noise March 1 – May 15 within a six tenths (0.6) mile radius of the perimeter of occupied sage-grouse leks in designated core areas.</p> <p>Purpose: To seasonally protect occupied Greater Sage-Grouse leks from disruptive activity in designated core areas.</p> <p>Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental record of review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, will not affect reproductive displays, nest attendance, egg or chick survival, or early brood-rearing success. Actions designed to enhance the long-term utility or availability of suitable Greater Sage-Grouse habitat may be exempted from this timing limitation. The BLM can and does grant exceptions to seasonal restrictions if the BLM, in coordination with the WGFD, determines that granting an exception would not adversely impact the population being protected. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this</p>	

	<p>stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Modification: The authorized officer may modify the size and shape of the TLS area or the TLS criteria if an environmental record of review indicates the actual habitat suitability for seasonal Greater Sage-Grouse activities is greater or less than the stipulated area, or it is identified through scientific research or monitoring that the existing criteria are inadequate or overly protective for maintaining the function or utility of the site for the seasonal habitat, life-history, or behavioral needs of the Greater Sage-Grouse, including (but not limited to) reproductive display, daytime loafing/staging activities, and nesting. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p> <p>Waiver: This stipulation may be waived over the entire lease if, in coordination with the State wildlife agency, it is determined that the described lands are no longer considered in the land use plan to be within a Greater Sage-Grouse designated core area, or are incapable of serving the long-term requirements of sage-grouse nesting habitat and that these ranges no longer warrant consideration as components of sage-grouse nesting habitat. Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes. (For guidance on the use of this stipulation, see Bureau of Land Management Manuals 1624 and 3101 or Forest Service Manuals 1950 and 2820.)</p>
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