

BLM Colorado State-Specific Circumstances: Fluid Mineral Allocations in General Habitat Management Areas

No Surface Occupancy

- No Surface Occupancy (NSO) stipulations are applied at the leasing phase and preclude use or occupancy of the land surface for fluid mineral exploration or development.
- In the previous plans, Colorado included a NSO stipulation within 2-miles of active leks in GHMA.
- Alternative 4 analyzes the difference between an NSO around active leks versus occupied leks (occupied leks include more area).

Controlled Surface Use

- CSU stipulations are applied at the leasing phase and allow some use and occupancy of public land while protecting identified resources or values. Common CSU measures include relocating operations by more than 200 feet or deferring the action for more than 60 days to avoid or minimize impacts.
- Alternative 5 analyzes using a CSU stipulation in GHMA within 2-miles of occupied leks.
- Alternative 6 analyzes using a CSU in GHMA within 1-mile of PHMA. This would allow for increased flexibility compared to NSO while allowing the BLM to consider the indirect effects that development in GHMA may have on all PHMA, not just where leks occur.

In the figure to the right, the North Park population (Jackson County, CO) is used as an example to show the range of allocations for GHMA. PHMA would have NSO stipulations applied to new leasing.

