

Montana/Dakotas BLM: State Specific Circumstances

General Habitat Management Areas (GHMA): Additional areas of habitat, with lower habitat or population density, for the purpose of promoting movement and genetic diversity.



GHMA – Key Management Highlights for DEIS Alternatives			
Program	Alternatives 1 and 2	Alternative 4	Alternatives 5 and 6
Wind and Solar (Utility Scale)	Exclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none">South Dakota<ul style="list-style-type: none">Within 1 mile of leksWinter range Avoidance <ul style="list-style-type: none">All other GHMA	Exclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Within 3.3 km (2 miles) of active leksUpper Missouri River Breaks NMCrucial winter range Avoidance <ul style="list-style-type: none">Over 2 miles from active leks	Exclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none">Upper Missouri River BreaksCrucial winter range Avoidance <ul style="list-style-type: none">Within 3.3 km (2 miles) of active leksWind (HiLine only) Open <ul style="list-style-type: none">Subject to GRSG LUP objectives over 2 miles from active leks
Rights-of-Way (ROWS)	Avoidance <ul style="list-style-type: none">Major ROWsMinor ROWs within 2 miles of leks (SD only) Open <ul style="list-style-type: none">Minor ROWs, subject to objectives	Avoidance <ul style="list-style-type: none">All GHMA	Avoidance <ul style="list-style-type: none">Within 2 km (1.2 miles) of active leksCrucial winter range Open <ul style="list-style-type: none">Subject to GRSG LUP objectives over 1.2 miles from active leks
Oil and Gas	No Surface Occupancy (NSO) <ul style="list-style-type: none">0.6 m from leks (Billings, Lewistown, HiLine, Miles City, South Dakota)Winter range (Billings and South Dakota) Controlled Surface Use <ul style="list-style-type: none">Crucial winter range (HiLine)Near leks, but language and distances vary	No Surface Occupancy <ul style="list-style-type: none">0.6 m from active leksCrucial winter range Controlled Surface Use <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintain functionality of habitats Timing Limitations <ul style="list-style-type: none">December 1 through March 15 in winter range, March 15 - July 15 in breeding and nesting habitats	

Note: BLM would not manage any GHMA in **Alternative 3**.

