

WORKING WITH THE RGFO 2016

(OIL AND GAS)

Fieldwork Authorizations (“FWAs”)

Please e-mail us a PDF containing the completed FWA application form and map of the proposed inventory area, along with shapefiles in NAD 83, Zone 13. We will complete the process on the same day the FWA request is received, or very shortly thereafter.

All roads, pipelines and associated facilities must be inventoried. Follow BLM Colorado Handbook for corridor inventory requirements (50’ on both sides of centerline).

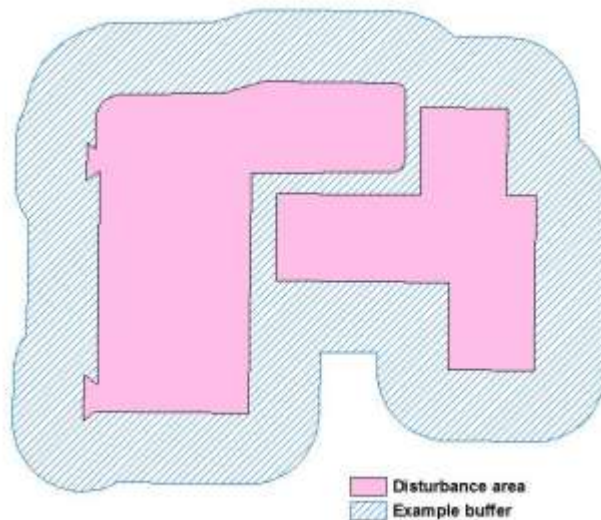
Well pad inventory is on a sliding scale, and is based on the shape of the disturbance area. The inventory buffer must be centered over the area of disturbance, regardless of land status.

Square area of disturbance buffer requirements:

- 5 acres or less = 10 acre inventory
- 5+ - 10 acres = 20 acre inventory
- 10+ = 40 acre inventory

Non-square (round, rectangular, multi-sided polygon or glob, etc.) area of disturbance buffer requirement:

- The main disturbance area, whether “temporary” or “permanent”, plus a 50 m’ (164’) buffer echoing the shape of the disturbance area:



Block surveys are encouraged.

Permittees may not place physical datum markers on sites. If this occurs, the permittee will be required to return to the field and retrieve them.

Pre-Field Literature Reviews

There is no need to visit the office. RGFO and SHPO have much of the same information, which can be accessed in the Compass database. However, the SHPO is currently behind in updating Compass, so please let us know if you notice missing data.

Reporting and Finalizing

The Colorado SHPO Limited Results Cultural Resources Survey Form may be used for reports of negative inventories, or inventories during which four or fewer isolated finds were recorded.

Permittees must strictly adhere to Colorado permit stipulations regarding reporting. Final reports must be submitted **to the BLM, not to the operator.**

Draft documents must be in Word format and final documents must be in PDF format and compiled (not submitted in sections).

Before finalizing reports, send us shapefiles of inventory areas and any sites found. Electronic requirements are described in detail in the Digital Specification Handbook, and must be followed. Please use short, stable filenames and do not place compressed ("zipped") files in another compressed file.

After we receive acceptable shapefiles, BLM will request a SHPO document number. After the SHPO assigns the number (usually the same or next day), we send it and our report number back to you to incorporate into your reports.

When the reports are complete, send us final PDF files of reports and of any site forms. Also mail us two hard copies. We will e-mail you a scanned copy of our letter to the SHPO after it has been signed.