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UT-S-01	AIR QUALITY  All new and replacement internal combustion gas field engines of less than or equal to 300 design-rated horsepower shall not emit more than 2 grams of NO <sub>x</sub> per horsepower-hour.  Exception: This requirement does not apply to gas field engines of less than or equal to 40 design-rated horsepower.  Modification: None  Waiver: None  AND  All new and replacement internal combustion gas field engines of greater than 300 design rated horsepower must not emit more than 1.0 gram of NO <sub>x</sub> per horsepower-hour.  Exception: None  Modification: None  Modification: None  Waiver: None
UT-S-23	NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY/CONTROLLED SURFACE USE/TIMING LIMITATIONS – NINE MILE CANYON ACEC  No surface occupancy for oil and gas leasing within approximately 17,162 acres, and approximately 209 acres will be open to leasing subject to moderate constraints such as timing limitations and controlled surface use.  Exception: None  Modification: None  Waiver: None
UT-S-96	NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY – FRAGILE SOILS/SLOPES GREATER THAN 40%  No surface occupancy for slopes greater than 40 percent.  Exception: If after an environment analysis the authorized officer determines that it would cause undue or unnecessary degradation to pursue other placement alternatives; surface occupancy in the NSO area may be authorized. Additionally a plan shall be submitted by the operator and approved by BLM prior to construction and maintenance and include:  • An erosion control strategy;  • GIS modeling;  • Proper survey and design by a certified engineer.  Modification: Modifications also may be granted if a more detailed analysis, i.e. Order I, soil survey conducted by a qualified soil scientist finds that surface disturbance activities could occur on slopes greater than 40% while adequately protecting the area from accelerated erosion.  Waiver: None

STIPULATIONS	
	CONTROLLED SURFACE USE – FRAGILE SOILS/SLOPES (21%-40%)
	If surface-disturbing activities cannot be avoided on slopes from 21-40% a plan will be required. The plan will approved by BLM prior to construction and maintenance and include:
UT-S-100	An erosion control strategy;
	GIS modeling;
	Proper survey and design by a certified engineer.
	Exception: None
	Modification: None
	Waiver: None
	NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY – RIPARIAN, FLOODPLAINS, AND PUBLIC WATER RESERVES
UT-S-123	No new surface-disturbing activities are allowed within active flood plains, wetlands, public water reserves, or 100 meters of riparian areas. Keep construction of new stream crossings to a minimum.
	<b>Exception:</b> An exception could be authorized if: (a) there are no practical alternatives (b) impacts could be fully mitigated, or (c) the action is designed to enhance the riparian resources.
	Modification: None
	Waiver: None

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	NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY/CONTROLLED SURFACE USE/TIMING LIMITATION – VISUAL RESOURCES	
UT-S-157	Visual resource management activities will comply with BLM Handbook 8410-1.  Within VRM Class I areas, very limited management activity will be allowed, with the objective of preserving the existing character of the landscape, allowing for natural ecological changes. The level of change to the landscape should be very low and shall not attract attention.  Within VRM Class II areas, surface-disturbing activities will retain the existing character of the landscape. The level of change to the landscape should be low.	
	Management activities may be seen, but should not attract the attention of the casual observer. Any change to the landscape shall repeat the basic elements of form, line, color and texture found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.	
	Within VRM Class III areas, surface disturbing activities will partially retain the existing character of the landscape. The allowable level of change will be moderate, may attract attention, but should not dominate the view of the casual observer. Landscape changes should repeat the basic elements of form, line, color and texture found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.  Within VRM Class IV areas, surface disturbing activities are allowed to	
	dominate the view and the major focus of viewer attention. Major modifications to the existing character of the landscape are allowed. But every attempt should be made to minimize and mitigate the impacts.	
	<b>Exception:</b> Exempted are recognized utility corridors.	
	Modification: None	
	Waiver: None	
UT-S-159	CONTROLLED SURFACE USE – VISUAL RESOURCES - VRM II Within VRM II areas, surface-disturbing activities will retain the existing character of the landscape. The level of change to the landscape should be low. Management activities may be seen, but should not attract attention of the casual observer. Any change to the landscape must repeat the basic elements of form, line, color, and texture found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.	
	<b>Exception</b> : Exempted are recognized utility corridors.	
	Modification: None Waiver: None	

STIPULATIONS	
UT-S-195	NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY – GREATER SAGE-GROUSE LEKS  No surface-disturbing activities within 1/4 mile of active Greater Sage-Grouse leks year-round found outside of Priority Habitat Management Areas (PHMA).  Exception: None  Modification: None  Waiver: None
	TIMING LIMITATION – GREATER SAGE-GROUSE BROOD REARING AND NESTING
UT-S-205	No surface-disturbing activities within 2 miles of active Greater Sage-Grouse leks found outside of Priority Habitat Management Areas (PHMA) within brood rearing and nesting habitat from <b>March 1 - June 15</b> .
	Exception: None
	Modification: None Waiver: None
	CONTROLLED SURFACE USE – GREATER SAGE-GROUSE (NOISE REDUCTION)
UT-S-206	Within ½ mile of known active Greater Sage-Grouse leks found outside of Priority Habitat Management Areas (PHMA) use the best available technology such as installation of multi-cylinder pumps, hospital sound reducing mufflers, and placement of exhaust systems to reduce noise.
	Exception: None
	Modification: None Waiver: None
	CONTROLLED SURFACE USE – GREATER SAGE-GROUSE
UT-S-207	(STRUCTURES)  No permanent facilities or structures would be allowed within 2 miles Greater Sage-Grouse leks found outside of Priority Habitat Management Areas (PHMA) when possible.
	Exception: None
	Modification: None Waiver: None

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	TIMING LIMITATION – CRUCIAL DEER AND ELK WINTER
	RANGE
	No surface disturbing activities in deer and elk crucial winter range from <b>December 1 - April 30</b> .
	<b>Exception</b> : This restriction would not apply if and/or elk are not present, or if it
	is determined through analysis and coordination with UDWR that impacts
	could be mitigated. Factors to be considered would include snow depth,
UT-S-230	temperature, snow crusting, location of disturbance, forage quantity and quality, animal condition, and expected duration of disturbance.
	<b>Modification</b> : The stipulation could be modified based on findings of
	collaborative monitoring and analysis. For example, the winter range
	configuration and time frames could be changed if current animal use patterns are determined to be inconsistent with the dates and boundaries established.
	Waiver: This stipulation could be waived if it is determined through
	collaborative monitoring and analysis that the area is not crucial winter range or
	that timing restrictions are unnecessary.  TIMING LIMITATION – CRUCIAL ELK CALVING AND DEER
	FAWNING HABITAT
	In order to protect crucial elk calving and deer fawning habitat exploration,
	drilling, and other development activity will not be allowed from <b>May 15</b> - <b>June 30</b> .
UT-S-247	<b>Exception</b> : This restriction would not apply to maintenance and operation of
	existing facilities. This stipulation may be excepted if either the resource values
	change or the lessee/operator demonstrates to BLMs satisfaction that adverse impact can be mitigated.
	Modification: None
	Waiver: None
	TIMING LIMITATION – RAPTOR BUFFERS
	Raptor management will be guided by the use of "Best Management Practices for Raptors and Their Associated Habitats in Utah" (Utah BLM, 2006,
	Appendix A), utilizing seasonal and spatial buffers, as well as mitigation, to
	maintain and enhance raptor nesting and foraging habitat, while allowing other resource uses.
	Exception: None
<b>UT-S-261</b>	Modification: Criteria that would need to be met, prior to implementing
	modifications to the spatial and seasonal buffers in the " <i>Raptor BMPs</i> ", would include the following:
	1. Completion of a site-specific assessment by a wildlife biologist or other qualified individual. See example (Attachment 1 of the Raptor BMPs in
	Appendix A)
	2. Written documentation by the BLM Field Office Wildlife Biologist, identifying the proposed modification and affirming that implementation

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	of the proposed modification(s) would not affect nest success or the suitability of the site for future nesting. Modification of the "BMPs" would not be recommended if it is determined that adverse impacts to nesting raptors would occur or that the suitability of the site for future nesting would be compromised.  3. Development of a monitoring and mitigation strategy by a BLM biologist, or other raptor biologist. Impacts of authorized activities would be documented to determine if the modifications were implemented as described in the environmental documentation or Conditions of Approval, and were adequate to protect the nest site. Should adverse impacts be identified during monitoring of an activity, BLM would follow an appropriate course of action, which may include cessation or modification of activities that would avoid, minimize or mitigate the impact, or, with the approval of UDWR and the USFWS, BLM could allow the activity to continue while requiring monitoring to determine the full impact of the activity on the affected raptor nest. A monitoring report would be completed and forwarded to UDWR for incorporation into the Natural Heritage Program (NHP) raptor database.  Waiver: None
	CONTROLLED SURFACE USE – BALD EAGLE WINTER ROOST
UT-S-278	Protect and restore cottonwood bottoms for bald eagle winter habitat along the Green and White Rivers, at Pelican Lake, and at the Cliff Creek Bald Eagle roost site, as well as any new roost sites discovered in the future.  Exception: None  Modification: None  Waiver: None
	UNIT JOINDER
UT-S-317	The successful bidder will be required to join the Unit Agreement or show reason why a joinder should not be required.

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UT-LN-37	BALD EAGLE HABITAT  The lessee/operator is given notice that lands in this lease have been identified as containing Bald Eagle Habitat. Modifications to the Surface Use Plan of Operations may be required in order to protect the Bald Eagle and/or habitat from surface disturbing activities in accordance with Section 6 of the lease terms, Endangered Species Act, and 43 CFR 3101.1-2.
UT-LN-40	GOLDEN EAGLE HABITAT  The lessee/operator is given notice that lands in this lease have been identified as containing Golden Eagle Habitat. Modifications to the Surface Use Plan of Operations may be required in order to protect the Golden Eagle and/or habitat from surface disturbing activities in accordance with Section 6 of the lease terms, Endangered Species Act, and 43 CFR 3101.1-2.
UT-LN-45	MIGRATORY BIRD  The lessee/operator is given notice that surveys for nesting migratory birds may be required during migratory bird breeding season whenever surface disturbances and/or occupancy is proposed in association with fluid mineral exploration and development within priority habitats. Surveys should focus on identified priority bird species in Utah. Field surveys will be conducted as determined by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management. Based on the result of the field survey, the authorized officer will determine appropriate buffers and timing limitations.
UT-LN-49	UTAH SENSITIVE SPECIES  The lessee/operator is given notice that no surface use or otherwise disruptive activity would be allowed that would result in direct disturbance to populations or individual special status plant and animal species, including those listed on the BLM sensitive species list and the Utah sensitive species list. The lessee/operator is also given notice that lands in this parcel have been identified as containing potential habitat for species on the Utah Sensitive Species List. Modifications to the Surface Use Plan of Operations may be required in order to protect these resources from surface disturbing activities in accordance with Section 6 of the lease terms, Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act and 43 CFR 3101.1-2.
UT-LN-51	SPECIAL STATUS PLANTS: NOT FEDERALLY LISTED  The lessee/operator is given notice that lands in this lease have been identified as containing special status plants, not federally listed, and their habitats. Modifications to the Surface Use Plan of Operations may be required in order to protect the special status plants and/or habitat from surface disturbing activities in accordance with Section 6 of the lease terms, Endangered Species Act, and 43 CFR 3101.1-2.

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	RIPARIAN AREAS
UT-LN-53	The lessee/operator is given notice that this lease has been identified as containing riparian areas. No surface use or otherwise disruptive activity allowed within 100 meters of riparian areas unless it can be shown that (1) there is no practicable alternative; (2) that all long-term impacts are fully mitigated; or (3) that the construction is an enhancement to the riparian areas. Modifications to the Surface Use Plan of Operations may be required in accordance with section 6 of the lease terms and 43CFR3101.1-2.
	HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCE VALUES
UT-LN-67	The lessee/operator is given notice that lands in this lease may contain significant Historical and Cultural Resources. Modifications to the Surface Use Plan of Operations may be required for the protection of these resources.
	NOTIFICATION & CONSULTATION REGARDING CULTURAL
UT-LN-68	RESOURCES  The lease area may now or hereafter be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Archaeological Resources Protections Act (ARPA), the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA), other statues and Executive Order 13007, and which may be of concern to Native American tribes, interested parties, and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). BLM will not approve any ground disturbing activities as part of future lease operations until it completes applicable requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), including the completion of any required procedure for notification and consultation with appropriate tribe(s) and/or the SHPO. BLM may require modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objectives on BLM-approved activities that are determine to affect or impact historic or cultural properties and/or resources.
HIGH POTENTIAL FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES	
UT-LN-69	This parcel is located in an area of high concentrations of cultural resources. Known cultural sites are fragile and many are buried under sandy deposits which migrate due to their susceptibility to wind. These sites, or large portions, are not visible from the surface. Therefore, the following mitigation measures may be applied to any surface disturbance of this parcel: 1) pre-surface disturbance cultural resource inventories; 2) pre-surface disturbance subsurface testing; 3) monitoring of ground disturbance; and 4) post-disturbance monitoring identifying resources as the soils stabilize around a project.

UT-LN-70  UT-LN-70  HIGH POTENTIAL FOR CULTURAL RESOURCE OCCURRENCE The lessee/operator is given notice that lands in this lease contain significant Cultural Resources. Modifications to the Surface Use Plan of Operations may be required for the protection of these resources. Class III level block inventories may be required to determine resource location and possible impact to the resource.  GRAHAM'S BEARDTONGUE (PENSTEMON GRAHAMII) In order to minimize effects to the federally proposed Graham's beardtongue, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) developed the following avoidance and minimization measures. The following avoidance and minimization measures should be included in the Plan of Development:  1. Pre-project habitat assessments will be completed across 100% of the project disturbance area within potential habitat prior to any ground disturbing activities to determine if suitable Graham's beardtongue habitat is present.  2. Within suitable habitat <sup>3</sup> , site inventories will be conducted to determine occupancy. Inventories:  a. Must be conducted by qualified individual(s) and according to BLM and Service accepted survey protocols,  b. Will be conducted in suitable and occupied habitat <sup>4</sup> for all areas proposed for surface disturbance prior to initiation of project activities and within the same growing season, at a time when the plant can be detected (usually April 15 <sup>th</sup> to May 20 <sup>th</sup> in the Uintah Basin; however, surveyors should verify that the plant is flowering by contacting a BLM or FWS botanist or demonstrating that the nearest known population is in flower),  c. Will occur within 300' from the centerline of the proposed right-of-way for surface pipelines or roads, and within 300' from the perimeter of disturbance for the proposed well pad including the well pad,  d. Will include, but not be limited to, plant species lists and habitat characteristics, and  e. Will be valid until April 15 <sup>th</sup> the following year.  3. Design project infras		**************************************		
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- e. Place signing to limit off-road travel in sensitive areas, and
- f. Stay on designated routes and other cleared/approved areas.
- 4. Within occupied habitat<sup>4</sup>, project infrastructure will be designed to avoid direct disturbance and minimize indirect impacts to populations and to individual plants:
  - a. Follow the above (3.) recommendations for project design within suitable habitats,
  - b. Construction of roads will occur such that the edge of the right of way is at least 300' from any plant,
  - c. Roads will be graveled within occupied habitat; the operator is encouraged to apply water for dust abatement to such areas from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> (flowering period); dust abatement applications will be comprised of water only,
  - d. The edge of the well pad should be located at least 300' away from plants,
  - e. Surface pipelines will be laid such that a 300 foot buffer exists between the edge of the right of way and the plants, use stabilizing and anchoring techniques when the pipeline crosses the habitat (exposed raw shale knolls and slopes derived from the Parachute Creek and Evacuation Creek members of the geologic Green River Formation) to ensure pipelines don't move towards the population,
  - f. Construction activities will not occur from April  $15^{\rm th}$  through May  $30^{\rm th}$  within occupied habitat,
  - g. Before and during construction, areas for avoidance should be visually identifiable in the field, e.g., flagging, temporary fencing, rebar, etc.,
  - h. Where technically and economically feasible, use directional drilling or multiple wells from the same pad,
  - i. Designs will avoid concentrating water flows or sediments into occupied habitat,
  - j. Place produced oil, water, or condensate tanks in centralized locations, away from occupied habitat, and
  - k. Minimize the disturbed area of producing well locations through interim and final reclamation. Reclaim well pads following drilling to the smallest area possible.
- 5. Occupied Graham's beardtongue habitats within 300' of the edge of the surface pipelines' right-of-ways, 300' of the edge of the roads' right-of-ways, and 300' from the edge of well pads shall be monitored for a period of three years after ground disturbing activities. Monitoring will include annual plant surveys to determine plant and habitat impacts relative to project facilities. Annual reports shall be provided to the BLM and the Service. To ensure desired results are being achieved, minimization measures will be evaluated and may be changed after a thorough review of the monitoring results and annual reports during annual meetings

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	between the BLM and the Service.  Additional site-specific measures may also be employed to avoid or minimize effects to the species. These additional measures will be developed and implemented in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure continued conservation of the species.
UT-LN-96	AIR QUALITY MITIGATION MEASURES  The lessee is given notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Utah Department of Air Quality, among others, has developed the following air quality mitigation measures that may be applied to any development proposed on this lease. Integration of and adherence to these measures may help minimize adverse local or regional air quality impacts from oil and gas development (including but not limited to construction, drilling, and production) on regional ozone formation.  • All internal combustion equipment would be kept in good working order.  • Water or other approved dust suppressants would be used at construction sites and along roads, as determined appropriate by the Authorized Officer.  • Open burning of garbage or refuse would not occur at well sites or other facilities.  • Drill rigs would be equipped with Tier II or better diesel engines.  • Vent emissions from stock tanks and natural gas TEG dehydrators would be controlled by routing the emissions to a flare or similar control device which would reduce emissions by 95% or greater.  • Low bleed or no bleed pneumatics would be installed on separator dump valves and other controllers.  • During completion, flaring would be limited as much as possible. Production equipment and gathering lines would be installed as soon as possible.  • Well site telemetry would be utilized as feasible for production operations.  • Stationary internal combustion engine would comply with the following standards: 2g NOx/bhp-hr for engines <300HP; and 1g NOx/bhp-hr for engines >300HP.  Additional site-specific measures may also be employed to avoid or minimize effects to local or regional air quality. These additional measures will be developed and implemented in coordination with the U.S. Environment be developed and implemented in coordination with the U.S. Environment be developed of the project and magnitude of emissions.

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## **NOTICES** roost areas. 8. Remove big game carrion from within 100 feet of lease roadways occurring within bald eagle foraging range. 9. Avoid loss or disturbance to large cottonwood gallery riparian habitats. 10. Where technically and economically feasible, use directional drilling or multiple wells from the same pad to reduce surface disturbance and eliminate drilling in suitable habitat Utilize directional drilling to avoid direct impacts to large cottonwood gallery riparian habitats. Ensure that such directional drilling does not intercept or degrade alluvial aquifers. 11. All areas of surface disturbance within riparian areas and/or adjacent uplands should be re-vegetated with native species. Additional measures may also be employed to avoid or minimize effects to the species between the lease sale stage and lease development stage. These additional measures will be developed and implemented in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. WESTERN YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO The Lessee/Operator is given notice that the lands in or adjacent to this parcel contain potentially suitable habitat that falls within the range for western yellow-billed cuckoo, a federally listed species. Avoidance or use restrictions may be placed on portions of the lease. Application of appropriate measures will depend upon whether the action is temporary or permanent, and whether it occurs within or outside the breeding and nesting season. A temporary action is completed prior to the following breeding season leaving no permanent structures and resulting in no permanent habitat loss. A permanent action could continue for more than one breeding season and/or cause a loss of habitat or displace western yellow-billed cuckoos through disturbances. The following avoidance and minimization measures have been designed to ensure activities carried out on the lease are in compliance with the Endangered Species Act. Integration of, and adherence to, these measures will facilitate review and **UT-LN-113** analysis of any submitted permits under the authority of this lease. Following these measures could reduce the scope of Endangered Species Act, Section 7 consultation at the permit stage. Avoidance and minimization measures include the following: 1. Habitat suitability within the parcel and/or within a 0.25 mile buffer of the parcel will be identified prior to lease development to identify potential survey needs. 2. Protocol Breeding Season Surveys will be required in suitable habitats prior to operations unless species occupancy and distribution information is complete and available. All Surveys must be conducted by permitted individual(s), and be conducted according to protocol.

3. For all temporary actions that may impact cuckoo or suitable habitat:

a. If action occurs entirely outside of the cuckoo breeding season (June 1 – Aug 31), and leaves no structure or habitat disturbance, action can

## **NOTICES** proceed without a presence/absence survey. b. If action is proposed between June 1 and August 31, presence/absence surveys for cuckoo will be conducted prior to commencing activity. If cuckoo are detected, activity should be delayed until September 1. c. Eliminate access routes created by the project through such means as raking out scars, revegetation, gating access points, etc. 4. For all permanent actions that may impact cuckoo or suitable habitat: a. Protocol level surveys by permitted individuals will be conducted prior to commencing activities. b. If cuckoos are detected, no activity will occur within 0.25 mile of occupied habitat. c. Avoid drilling and permanent structures within 0.25 mile of suitable habitat unless absence is determined according to protocol level surveys conducted by permitted individual(s). d. Ensure noise levels at 0.25 mile from suitable habitat do not exceed baseline conditions. Placement of permanent noise-generating facilities should be determined by a noise analysis to ensure noise does not encroach upon a 0.25 mile buffer for suitable habitat. 5. Temporary or permanent actions will require monitoring throughout the duration of the project to ensure that western yellow-billed cuckoo or its habitat is not affected in a manner or to an extent not previous considered. Avoidance and minimization measures will be evaluated throughout the duration of the project. 6. Water produced as a by-product of drilling or pumping will be managed to ensure maintenance or enhancement of riparian habitat. 7. Where technically and economically feasible, use directional drilling or multiple wells from the same pad to reduce surface disturbance and eliminate drilling in suitable habitat. Ensure that such directional drilling does not intercept or degrade alluvial aquifers. 8. Ensure that water extraction or disposal practices do not result in change of hydrologic regime that would result in loss or degradation of riparian habitat. 9. Re-vegetate with native species all areas of surface disturbance within riparian areas and/or adjacent uplands. Additional measures to avoid or minimize effects to the species may be developed and implemented in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service between the lease sale stage and lease development stage to ensure continued compliance with the ESA. FEDERAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STANDARD To mitigate potential impacts to floodplains, activities would be limited or **UT-LN-128** precluded within the 500 year base flood level (area subject to flooding by the

feet. (Executive Order 13690 amending Executive Order 11988).

0.2 percent annual chance flood) or the 100 year base flood elevation plus 3

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	GREATER SAGE-GROUSE – NET CONSERVATION GAIN
UT-LN-131	In Priority and General Habitat Management Areas (PHMA and GHMA) all actions that result in habitat loss and degradation will require mitigation that provides a net conservation gain to the Greater Sage-Grouse (GRSG). Mitigation must account for any uncertainty associated with the effectiveness of the mitigation and will be achieved through avoiding, minimizing and compensating for impacts. Mitigation will be conducted according to the mitigation framework found in Appendix F in the Utah Approved Management Plan Amendment.
	GREATER SAGE-GROUSE – REQUIRED DESIGN FEATURES
	Apply the Required Design Features (RDF)* in Appendix C of the Utah Approved Management Plan Amendment when leasing within Priority and General Habitat Management Areas (PHMA and GHMA).
	*RDFs may not be required if it is demonstrated through the NEPA analysis that the RDF associated project/activity is:
UT-LN-132	<ul> <li>Documented to not be applicable to the site-specific conditions of the project/activity (e.g. due to site limitations or engineering considerations). Economic considerations, such as increased costs, do not necessarily require that an RDF be varied or rendered inapplicable;</li> <li>An alternative RDF, state-implemented conservation measure, or plan-level protection is determined to provide equal or better protection for GRSG or its habitat;</li> </ul>
	Provide no additional protection to GRSG or its habitat.
	GREATER SAGE-GROUSE - BUFFER
UT-LN-133	In Priority and General Habitat Management Areas (PHMA and GHMA), the BLM will apply the lek buffer-distances identified in the USGS Report Conservation Buffer Distance Estimates for Greater Sage-Grouse – A Review (Open File Report 2014-1239) in accordance with Appendix B, Applying Lek-Buffer Distances, consistent with valid and existing rights and applicable law in authorizing management actions.
	BLACK-FOOTED FERRET
T&E-02	The Lessee/Operator is given notice that the lands in this lease may contain occupied black-footed ferret habitat, an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act classified as an experimental, nonessential population in the state of Utah. Avoidance and minimization measures that should be followed are included within the <i>Cooperative Plan for the Reintroduction and Management of Black-Footed Ferrets in Coyote Basin, Uintah County, Utah</i> published by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources in September, 1996. These measures may be updated based on the best available scientific data as it becomes available.

# ENDANGERED FISH OF THE UPPER COLORADO RIVER DRAINAGE BASIN

The Lessee/Operator is given notice that the lands in this parcel contain Critical Habitat for the Colorado River fish (bonytail, humpback chub, Colorado pike minnow, and razorback sucker) listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, or these parcels have watersheds that are tributary to designated habitat. Critical habitat was designated for the four endangered Colorado River fishes on March 21, 1994(59 FR 13374-13400). Designated critical habitat for all the endangered fishes includes those portions of the 100-year floodplain that contain primary constituent elements necessary for survival of the species. Avoidance or use restrictions may be placed on portions of the lease. The following avoidance and minimization measures have been designed to ensure activities carried out on the lease are in compliance with the Endangered Species Act. Integration of and adherence to these measures will facilitate review and analysis of any submitted permits under the authority of this lease. Following these measures could reduce the scope of Endangered Species Act, Section 7 consultation at the permit stage. Current avoidance and minimization measures include the following:

- 1. Surveys will be required prior to operations unless species occupancy and distribution information is complete and available. All surveys must be conducted by qualified individual(s).
- 2. Lease activities will require monitoring throughout the duration of the project. To ensure desired results are being achieved, minimization measures will be evaluated and, if necessary, Section 7 consultation reinitiated.
- 3. Water production will be managed to ensure maintenance or enhancement of riparian habitat.
- 4. Avoid loss or disturbance of riparian habitats.
- 5. Where technically and economically feasible, use directional drilling or multiple wells from the same pad to reduce surface disturbance and eliminate drilling in suitable riparian habitat. Ensure that such directional drilling does not intercept or degrade alluvial aquifers.
- 6. Conduct watershed analysis for leases in designated critical habitat and overlapping major tributaries in order to determine toxicity risk from permanent facilities.
- 7. Implement Appendix B (Hydrologic Considerations for Pipeline Crossing Stream Channels, Technical Note 423).
- 8. Drilling will not occur within 100 year floodplains of rivers or tributaries to rivers that contain listed fish species or critical habitat.
- 9. In areas adjacent to 100-year flood plains, particularly in systems prone to flash floods, analyze the risk for flash floods to impact facilities, and use closed loop drilling, and pipeline burial or suspension according to Appendix B (Hydrologic Considerations for Pipeline Crossing Stream Channels, Technical Note 423, to minimize the potential for equipment

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## **NOTICES** damage and resulting leaks or spills. Water depletions from any portion of the Upper Colorado River drainage basin above Lake Powell are considered to adversely affect or adversely modify the critical habitat of the four resident endangered fish species, and must be evaluated with regard to the criteria described in the Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program. Formal consultation with USFWS is required for all depletions. All depletion amounts must be reported to BLM. Additional measures to avoid or minimize effects to the species may be developed and implemented in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service between the lease sale stage and lease development stage to ensure continued compliance with the ESA. LISTED PLANT SPECIES The Lessee/Operator is given notice that the lands in this parcel contain suitable habitat for federally listed plant species under the Endangered Species Act. The following avoidance and minimization measures have been developed to facilitate review and analysis of any submitted permits under the authority of this lease 1. Site inventories: a. Must be conducted to determine habitat suitability, b. Are required in known or potential habitat for all areas proposed for surface disturbance prior to initiation of project activities, at a time when the plant can be detected, and during appropriate flowering periods, c. Documentation should include, but not be limited to individual plant locations and suitable habitat distributions, and d. All surveys must be conducted by qualified individuals. 2. Lease activities will require monitoring throughout the duration of the T&E-05 project. To ensure desired results are being achieved, minimization measures will be evaluated and, if necessary, Section 7 consultation reinitiated. 3. Project activities must be designed to avoid direct disturbance to populations and to individual plants: a. Designs will avoid concentrating water flows or sediments into plant occupied habitat. b. Construction will occur down slope of plants and populations where feasible; if well pads and roads must be sited upslope, buffers of 300 feet minimum between surface disturbances and plants and populations will be incorporated. c. Where populations occur within 300 ft. of well pads, establish a buffer or fence the individuals or groups of individuals during and post-construction. d. Areas for avoidance will be visually identifiable in the field, e.g.,

flagging, temporary fencing, rebar, etc.

- e. For surface pipelines, use a 10 foot buffer from any plant locations:
- f. If on a slope, use stabilizing construction techniques to ensure the pipelines don't move towards the population.
- 4. For riparian/wetland-associated species, e.g. Ute ladies-tresses, avoid loss or disturbance of riparian habitats.
- 5. Ensure that water extraction or disposal practices do not result in change of hydrologic regime.
- 6. Limit disturbances to and within suitable habitat by staying on designated routes.
- 7. Limit new access routes created by the project.
- 8. Place signing to limit ATV travel in sensitive areas.
- 9. Implement dust abatement practices near occupied plant habitat.
- 10. All disturbed areas will be re-vegetated with native species comprised of species indigenous to the area.
- 11. Post construction monitoring for invasive species will be required.
- 12. Where technically and economically feasible, use directional drilling or multiple wells from the same pad to reduce surface disturbance and eliminate drilling in plant habitat. Ensure that such directional drilling does not intercept or degrade alluvial aquifers.
- 13. Lease activities will require monitoring throughout the duration of the project. To ensure desired results are being achieved, minimization measures will be evaluated and, if necessary, Section 7 consultation reinitiated.

Additional measures to avoid or minimize effects to the species may be developed and implemented in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service between the lease sale stage and lease development stage to ensure continued compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

## **MEXICAN SPOTTED OWL** The Lessee/Operator is given notice that the lands in this parcel contain suitable

habitat for Mexican spotted owl, a federally listed species. The Lessee/Operator is given notice that the lands in this lease contain Designated Critical Habitat for the Mexican spotted owl, a federally listed species. Critical habitat was designated for the Mexican spotted owl on August 31, 2004 (69 FR 53181-53298). Avoidance or use restrictions may be placed on portions of the lease. Application of appropriate measures will depend whether the action is temporary or permanent, and whether it occurs within or outside the owl

nesting season.

A temporary action is completed prior to the following breeding season leaving no permanent structures and resulting in no permanent habitat loss. A permanent action continues for more than one breeding season and/or causes a loss of owl habitat or displaces owls through disturbances, i.e. creation of a permanent structure.

The following avoidance and minimization measures have been designed to

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ensure activities carried out on the lease are in compliance with the Endangered Species Act. Integration of, and adherence to these measures, will facilitate review and analysis of any submitted permits under the authority of this lease. Following these measures could reduce the scope of Endangered Species Act, Section 7 consultation at the permit stage. Current avoidance and minimization measures include the following:

- 1. Surveys will be required prior to operations unless species occupancy and distribution information is complete and available. All Surveys must be conducted by qualified individual(s).
- 2. Assess habitat suitability for both nesting and foraging using accepted habitat models in conjunction with field reviews. Apply the conservation measures below if project activities occur within 0.5 mile of suitable owl habitat. Determine potential effects of actions to owls and their habitat.
  - a. Document type of activity, acreage and location of direct habitat impacts, type and extent of indirect impacts relative to location of suitable owl habitat.
  - b. Document if action is temporary or permanent.
- 3. Lease activities will require monitoring throughout the duration of the project. To ensure desired results are being achieved, minimization measures will be evaluated and, if necessary, Section 7 consultation reinitiated.
- 4. Water production will be managed to ensure maintenance or enhancement of riparian habitat.
- 5. Where technically and economically feasible, use directional drilling or multiple wells from the same pad to reduce surface disturbance and eliminate drilling in canyon habitat suitable for Mexican spotted owl nesting.
- 6. For all temporary actions that may impact owls or suitable habitat:
  - a. If the action occurs entirely outside of the owl breeding season (March 1 August 31), and leaves no permanent structure or permanent habitat disturbance, action can proceed without an occupancy survey.
  - b. If action will occur during a breeding season, survey for owls prior to commencing activity. If owls are found, activity must be delayed until outside of the breeding season.
  - c. Rehabilitate access routes created by the project through such means as raking out scars, re-vegetation, gating access points, etc.
- 7. For all permanent actions that may impact owls or suitable habitat:
  - a. Survey two consecutive years for owls according to accepted protocol prior to commencing activities.
  - b. If owls are found, no actions will occur within 0.5 mile of identified nest site. If nest site is unknown, no activity will occur within the designated Protected Activity Center (PAC).
  - c. Avoid drilling and permanent structures within 0.5 mi of suitable habitat unless surveyed and not occupied.

- d. Reduce noise emissions (e.g., use hospital-grade mufflers) to 45 dBA at 0.5 mile from suitable habitat, including canyon rims. Placement of permanent noise-generating facilities should be determined by a noise analysis to ensure noise does not encroach upon a 0.5 mile buffer for suitable habitat, including canyon rims.
- e. Limit disturbances to and within suitable habitat by staying on approved routes.
- f. Limit new access routes created by the project.

Additional measures to avoid or minimize effects to the species may be developed and implemented in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service between the lease sale stage and lease development stage to ensure continued compliance with the Endangered Species Act.

## PARIETTE CACTUS (SCLEROCACTUS BREVISPINUS) AND UINTA BASIN HOOKLESS CACTUS [SCLEROCACTUS GLAUCUS (BREVISPINUS AND WETLANDICUS)]

The Lessee/Operator is given notice that the lands in this parcel contain suitable habitat for the Pariette cactus and Uinta Basin hookless cactus, under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The following avoidance and minimization measures have been developed to facilitate review and analysis of any submitted permits under the authority of this lease.

In order to minimize effects to the federally threatened Pariette cactus and Uinta Basin hookless cactus, the BLM in coordination with the USFWS, developed the following avoidance and minimization measures. Integration of and adherence to these measures will help ensure the activities carried out during oil and gas development (including but not limited to drilling, production, and maintenance) are in compliance with the ESA. For the purposes of this document, the following terms are so defined: Potential habitat is defined as areas which satisfy the broad criteria of the species habitat description; usually determined by preliminary, in-house assessment. Suitable habitat is defined as areas which contain or exhibit the specific components or constituents necessary for plant persistence; determined by field inspection and/or surveys; may or may not contain Uinta Basin hookless cactus. Habitat descriptions can be found in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 1990 Recovery Plan and Federal Register Notices for the Uinta Basin hookless cactus (http://www.fws.gov/endangered/wildlife.html). Occupied habitat is defined as areas currently or historically known to support Uinta Basin hookless cactus; synonymous with "known habitat." The following avoidance and minimization measures should be included in the Plan of Development:

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- 1. Pre-project habitat assessments will be completed across 100% of the project disturbance area within potential habitat prior to any ground disturbing activities to determine if suitable Pariette cactus and Uinta Basin hookless cactus habitat is present.
- 2. Within suitable habitat, site inventories will be conducted to determine occupancy. Inventories:

- a. Must be conducted by qualified individual(s) and according to BLM and Service accepted survey protocols,
- b. Will be conducted in suitable and occupied habitat for all areas proposed for surface disturbance prior to initiation of project activities and within the same growing season, at a time when the plant can be detected, and during appropriate flowering periods:
  - i. Sclerocactus brevispinus surveys should be conducted March 15<sup>th</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, unless extended by the BLM
  - ii. *Sclerocactus wetlandicus* surveys can be done any time of the year, provided there is no snow cover,
- c. Will occur within 300' from the edge of the proposed right-of-way for surface pipelines or roads; and within 300' from the perimeter of disturbance for the proposed well pad including the well pad,
- d. Will include, but not be limited to, plant species lists and habitat characteristics, and
- e. Will be valid until March 15<sup>th</sup> the following year for *Sclerocactus brevispinus* and one year from the survey date for *Sclerocactus wetlandicus*.
- 3. Design project infrastructure to minimize impacts within suitable habitat<sup>2</sup>:
  - a. Reduce well pad size to the minimum needed, without compromising safety,
  - b. Limit new access routes created by the project,
  - c. Roads and utilities should share common right-of-ways where possible,
  - d. Reduce width of right-of-ways and minimize the depth of excavation needed for the road bed; where feasible, use the natural ground surface for the road within habitat,
  - e. Place signing to limit off-road travel in sensitive areas,
  - f. Stay on designated routes and other cleared/approved areas, and
  - g. All disturbed areas will be re-vegetated with native species comprised of species indigenous to the area and non-native species that are not likely to invade other areas.
- 4. Within occupied habitat<sup>3</sup>, project infrastructure will be designed to avoid direct disturbance and minimize indirect impacts to populations and to individual plants:
  - a. Follow the above (3.) recommendations for project design within suitable habitats,
  - b. Buffers of 300 feet minimum between the edge of the right of way (roads and surface pipelines) or surface disturbance (well pads) and plants and populations will be incorporated,
  - c. Surface pipelines will be laid such that a 300 foot buffer exists between the edge of the right of way and the plants, use stabilizing and anchoring techniques when the pipeline crosses the habitat to ensure the pipelines don't move towards the population,
  - d. Before and during construction, areas for avoidance should be visually

- identifiable in the field (e.g., flagging, temporary fencing, rebar, etc.),
- e. Where technically and economically feasible, use directional drilling or multiple wells from the same pad,
- f. Designs will avoid concentrating water flows or sediments into occupied habitat,
- g. Place produced oil, water, or condensate tanks in centralized locations, away from occupied habitat, and
- h. Minimize the disturbed area of producing well locations through interim and final reclamation. Reclaim well pads following drilling to the smallest area possible.
- 5. Occupied Pariette cactus and Uinta Basin hookless cactus habitats within 300' of the edge of the surface pipelines' right-of-ways, 300' of the edge of the roads' right-of-ways, and 100' from the edge of the well pad shall be monitored for a period of three years after ground disturbing activities. Monitoring will include annual plant surveys to determine plant and habitat impacts relative to project facilities. Annual reports shall be provided to the BLM and the USFWS. To ensure desired results are being achieved, minimization measures will be evaluated and may be changed after a thorough review of the monitoring results and annual reports during annual meetings between the BLM and the USFWS.
- 6. Re-initiation of Section 7 consultation with the USFWS will be sought immediately if any loss of plants or occupied habitat for the Pariette cactus and Uinta Basin hookless cactus is anticipated as a result of project activities.

Additional site-specific measures may also be employed to avoid or minimize effects to the species. These additional measures will be developed and implemented in consultation with the USFWS to ensure continued compliance with the ESA.

## CLAY REED - MUSTARD (SCHOENCRAMBE ARGILLACEA)

The Lessee/Operator is given notice that the lands in this parcel contain suitable habitat for clay reed-mustard under the Endangered Species Act. The following avoidance and minimization measures have been developed to facilitate review and analysis of any submitted permits under the authority of this lease:

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In order to minimize effects to the federally threatened clay reed-mustard, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) developed the following avoidance and minimization measures. Integration of and adherence to these measures will help ensure the activities carried out during oil and gas development (including but not limited to drilling, production, and maintenance) are in compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). For the purposes of this document, the following terms are so defined: Potential habitat is defined as areas which satisfy the broad criteria of the species habitat description; usually determined by preliminary, in-house assessment. Suitable habitat is defined as areas which

contain or exhibit the specific components or constituents necessary for plant persistence; determined by field inspection and/or surveys; may or may not contain clay reed-mustard; habitat descriptions can be found in Federal Register Notice and species recovery plan links at <a href="http://www.fws.gov/endangered/wildlife.html">http://www.fws.gov/endangered/wildlife.html</a>. Occupied habitat is defined as areas currently or historically known to support clay reed-mustard; synonymous with "known habitat." The following avoidance and minimization measures should be included in the Plan of Development:

- 1. Pre-project habitat assessments will be completed across 100% of the project disturbance area within potential habitat prior to any ground disturbing activities to determine if suitable clay reed-mustard habitat is present.
- 2. Site inventories will be conducted within suitable habitat to determine occupancy. Where standard surveys are technically infeasible and otherwise hazardous due to topography, slope, etc., suitable habitat will be assessed and mapped for avoidance (hereafter, "avoidance areas"); in such cases, in general, 300-foot buffers will be maintained between surface disturbance and avoidance areas. However, site-specific distances will need to be approved by FWS and BLM when disturbance will occur upslope of habitat. Where conditions allow, inventories:
  - a. Must be conducted by qualified individual(s) and according to BLM and Service accepted survey protocols,
  - b. Will be conducted in suitable and occupied habitat for all areas proposed for surface disturbance prior to initiation of project activities and within the same growing season, at a time when the plant can be detected (usually May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>, in the Uintah Basin; however, surveyors should verify that the plant is flowering by contacting a BLM or FWS botanist or demonstrating that the nearest known population is in flower),
  - c. Will occur within 300 feet from the edge of the proposed right-of-way for surface pipelines or roads; and within 300 feet from the perimeter of disturbance for the proposed well pad including the well pad,
  - d. Will include, but not be limited to, plant species lists and habitat characteristics, and
  - e. Will be valid until May 1<sup>st</sup> the following year.
- 3. Design project infrastructure to minimize impacts within suitable habitat<sup>2</sup>:
  - a. Where standard surveys are technically infeasible, infrastructure and activities will avoid all suitable habitat (avoidance areas) and incorporate 300-foot buffers, in general; however, site-specific distances will need to be approved by FWS and BLM when disturbance will occur upslope of habitat,
  - b. Reduce well pad size to the minimum needed, without compromising safety,
  - c. Limit new access routes created by the project,
  - d. Roads and utilities should share common right-of-ways where

- possible,
- e. Reduce the width of right-of-ways and minimize the depth of excavation needed for the road bed; where feasible, use the natural ground surface for the road within habitat,
- f. Place signing to limit off-road travel in sensitive areas, and
- g. Stay on designated routes and other cleared/approved areas.
- 4. Within occupied habitat<sup>3</sup>, project infrastructure will be designed to avoid direct disturbance and minimize indirect impacts to populations and to individual plants:
  - a. Where standard surveys are technically infeasible, infrastructure and activities will avoid all suitable habitat (avoidance areas) and incorporate 300-foot buffers, , in general; however, site-specific distances will need to be approved by FWS and BLM when disturbance will occur upslope of habitat,
  - b. Follow the above recommendations (3.) for project design within suitable habitats,
  - c. To avoid water flow and/or sedimentation into occupied habitat and avoidance areas, silt fences, hay bales, and similar structures or practices will be incorporated into the project design; appropriate placement of fill is encouraged,
  - d. Construction of roads will occur such that the edge of the right of way is at least 300 feet from any plant and 300 feet from avoidance areas,
  - e. Roads will be graveled within occupied habitat; the operator is encouraged to apply water for dust abatement to such areas from May 1<sup>st</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup> (flowering period); dust abatement applications will be comprised of water only,
  - f. The edge of the well pad should be located at least 300 feet away from plants and avoidance areas, in general; however, site-specific distances will need to be approved by FWS and BLM when disturbance will occur upslope of habitat,
  - g. Surface pipelines will be laid such that a 300-foot buffer exists between the edge of the right of way and plants and 300 feet between the edge of right of way and avoidance areas; use stabilizing and anchoring techniques when the pipeline crosses suitable habitat to ensure pipelines don't move towards the population; site-specific distances will need to be approved by FWS and BLM when disturbance will occur upslope of habitat,
  - h. Construction activities will not occur from May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup> within occupied habitat,
  - i. Before and during construction, areas for avoidance should be visually identifiable in the field, e.g., flagging, temporary fencing, rebar, etc.,
  - j. Where technically and economically feasible, use directional drilling or multiple wells from the same pad,
  - k. Place produced oil, water, or condensate tanks in centralized

- locations, away from occupied habitat, and
- 1. Minimize the disturbed area of producing well locations through interim and final reclamation. Reclaim well pads following drilling to the smallest area possible.
- 5. Occupied clay reed-mustard habitats within 300 feet of the edge of the surface pipelines' right of ways, 300 feet of the edge of the roads' right of ways, and 300 feet from the edge of the well pad shall be monitored for a period of three years after ground disturbing activities. Monitoring will include annual plant surveys to determine plant and habitat impacts relative to project facilities. Annual reports shall be provided to the BLM and the Service. To ensure desired results are being achieved, minimization measures will be evaluated and may be changed after a thorough review of the monitoring results and annual reports during annual meetings between the BLM and the Service.
- 6. Re-initiation of section 7 consultation with the Service will be sought immediately if any loss of plants or occupied habitat for the clay reedmustard is anticipated as a result of project activities.

Additional site-specific measures may also be employed to avoid or minimize effects to the species. These additional measures will be developed and implemented in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure continued compliance with the ESA.

# SHRUBBY REED - MUSTARD (SCHOENOCRAMBE SUFFRUTESCENS)

The Lessee/Operator is given notice that the lands in this parcel contain suitable habitat for shrubby reed-mustard under the Endangered Species Act. The following avoidance and minimization measures have been developed to facilitate review and analysis of any submitted permits under the authority of this lease.

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In order to minimize effects to the federally endangered shrubby reed-mustard, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) developed the following avoidance and minimization measures. Integration of and adherence to these measures will help ensure the activities carried out during oil and gas development (including but not limited to drilling, production, and maintenance) are in compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA). For the purposes of this document, the following terms are so defined: Potential habitat is defined as areas which satisfy the broad criteria of the species habitat description; usually determined by preliminary, in-house assessment. Suitable habitat is defined as areas which contain or exhibit the specific components or constituents necessary for plant persistence; determined by field inspection and/or surveys; may or may not contain shrubby reed-mustard; habitat descriptions can be found in the Federal Register 52(193):37416-37420 and in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 1994 Utah Reed-Mustards Recovery Plan

(http://www.fws.gov/endangered/wildlife.html). Occupied habitat is defined as areas currently or historically known to support shrubby reed-mustard; synonymous with "known habitat." The following avoidance and minimization measures should be included in the Plan of Development:

- 1. Pre-project habitat assessments will be completed across 100% of the project disturbance area within potential habitat prior to any ground disturbing activities to determine if suitable shrubby reed-mustard habitat is present.
- 2. Within suitable habitat, site inventories will be conducted to determine occupancy. Inventories:
  - a. Must be conducted by qualified individual(s) and according to BLM and Service accepted survey protocols,
  - b. Will be conducted in suitable and occupied habitat for all areas proposed for surface disturbance prior to initiation of project activities and within the same growing season, at a time when the plant can be detected (April 15<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>, unless extended by the BLM),
  - c. Will occur within 300 feet from the edge of the proposed right-of-way for surface pipelines or roads; and within 300 feet from the perimeter of disturbance for the proposed well pad including the well pad,
  - d. Will include, but not be limited to, plant species lists and habitat characteristics, and
  - e. Will be valid until April 15<sup>th</sup> the following year.
- 3. Design project infrastructure to minimize impacts within suitable habitat:
  - a. Reduce well pad size to the minimum needed, without compromising safety,
  - b. Limit new access routes created by the project,
  - c. Roads and utilities should share common right-of-ways where possible,
  - d. Reduce the width of right-of-ways and minimize the depth of excavation needed for the road bed; where feasible, use the natural ground surface for the road within habitat,
  - e. Place signing to limit off-road travel in sensitive areas, and
  - f. Stay on designated routes and other cleared/approved areas.
- 4. Within occupied habitat, project infrastructure will be designed to avoid direct disturbance and minimize indirect impacts to populations and to individual plants:
  - a. Follow the above (3.) recommendations for project design within suitable habitats,
  - b. Construction of roads will occur such that the edge of the right of way is at least 300' from any plant.
  - c. Roads will be graveled within occupied habitat; the operator is encouraged to apply water for dust abatement to such areas from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup> (flowering period); dust abatement applications will be comprised of water only,
  - d. The edge of the well pad should be located at least 300 feet away

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avoidance and minimization measures. Integration of and adherence to these

measures will help ensure the activities carried out during oil and gas development (including but not limited to drilling, production, and maintenance) are in compliance with the ESA. Ute ladies'-tresses habitat is provided some protection under Executive Orders 11990 (wetland protection) and 11988 (floodplain management), as well as section 404 of the Clean Water Act. For the purposes of this document, the following terms are so defined: Potential habitat is defined as areas which satisfy the broad criteria of the species habitat description; usually determined by preliminary, in-house assessment. Suitable habitat is defined as areas which contain or exhibit the specific components or constituents necessary for plant persistence; determined by field inspection and/or surveys; may or may not contain Ute ladies'-tresses. Habitat descriptions can be found in Recovery Plans and Federal Register Notices for the species at <a href="http://www.fws.gov/endangered/wildlife.html">http://www.fws.gov/endangered/wildlife.html</a>>. Occupied habitat is defined as areas currently or historically known to support Ute ladies'-tresses; synonymous with "known habitat. Although plants, habitat, or populations may be afforded some protection under these regulatory mechanisms, the following conservation measures should be included in the Plan of Development:

- 1. Pre-project habitat assessments will be completed across 100% of the project disturbance area, including areas where hydrology might be affected by project activities, within potential habitat prior to any ground disturbing activities to determine if suitable Ute ladies'-tresses habitat is present.
- 2. Within suitable habitat, site inventories will be conducted to determine occupancy. Inventories:
  - a. Must be conducted by qualified individual(s) and according to BLM and USFWS accepted survey protocols,
  - b. Will be conducted in suitable and occupied habitat for all areas proposed for surface disturbance or areas that could experience direct or indirect changes in hydrology from project activities,
  - c. Will be conducted prior to initiation of project activities and within the same growing season, at a time when the plant can be detected, and during appropriate flowering periods (usually August 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> in the Uintah Basin; however, surveyors should verify that the plant is flowering by contacting a BLM or USFWS botanist or demonstrating that the nearest known population is in flower).
  - d. Will occur within 300' from the edge of the proposed right-of-way for surface pipelines or roads; and within 300' from the perimeter of disturbance for the proposed well pad including the well pad,
  - e. Will include, but not be limited to, plant species lists, habitat characteristics, source of hydrology, and estimated hyroperiod, and
  - f. Will be valid until August 1<sup>st</sup> the following year.
- 3. Design project infrastructure to minimize direct or indirect impacts to suitable habitat both within and downstream of the project area:
  - a. Alteration and disturbance of hydrology will not be permitted,

- b. Reduce well pad size to the minimum needed, without compromising safety,
- c. Limit new access routes created by the project,
- d. Roads and utilities should share common right-of-ways where possible,
- e. Reduce width of right-of-ways and minimize the depth of excavation needed for the road bed,
- f. Construction and right-of-way management measures should avoid soil compaction that would impact Ute ladies' tresses habitat,
- g. Off-site impacts or indirect impacts should be avoided or minimized (i.e. install berms or catchment ditches to prevent spilled materials from reaching occupied or suitable habitat through either surface or groundwater),
- h. Place signing to limit off-road travel in sensitive areas,
- i. Stay on designated routes and other cleared/approved areas, and
- j. All disturbed areas will be re-vegetated with species approved by USFWS and BLM botanists.
- 4. Within occupied habitat, project infrastructure will be designed to avoid direct disturbance and minimize indirect impacts to populations and to individual plants:
  - a. Follow the above (#3) recommendations for project design within suitable habitats,
  - b. Buffers of 300 feet minimum between right of way (roads and surface pipelines) or surface disturbance (well pads) and plants and populations will be incorporated,
  - c. Surface pipelines will be laid such that a 300-foot buffer exists between the edge of the right of way and the plants, using stabilizing and anchoring techniques when the pipeline crosses habitat to ensure the pipelines don't move towards the population,
  - d. Before and during construction, areas for avoidance should be visually identifiable in the field (e.g., flagging, temporary fencing, rebar, etc.).
  - e. Where technically and economically feasible, use directional drilling or multiple wells from the same pad,
  - f. Designs will avoid altering site hydrology and concentrating water flows or sediments into occupied habitat,
  - g. Place produced oil, water, or condensate tanks in centralized locations, away from occupied habitat, with berms and catchment ditches to avoid or minimize the potential for materials to reach occupied or suitable habitat, and
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- 5. Occupied Ute ladies'-tresses habitats within 300' of the edge of the surface pipelines' right-of-ways, 300' of the edge of the roads' right-of-

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ways, and 300' from the edge of the well pad shall be monitored for a period of three years after ground disturbing activities. Monitoring will include annual plant surveys to determine plant and habitat impacts relative to project facilities. Habitat impacts include monitoring any changes in hydrology due to project related activities. Annual reports shall be provided to the BLM and the USFWS. To ensure desired results are being achieved, minimization measures will be evaluated and may be changed after a thorough review of the monitoring results and annual reports during annual meetings between the BLM and the Service.

6. Re-initiation of section 7 consultation with the USFWS will be sought immediately if any loss of plants or occupied habitat for the Ute ladies'-tresses is anticipated as a result of project activities.

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