

# STIPULATIONS

**CORPS OF ENGINEERS**  
**SPECIAL STIPULATIONS 1-A**  
**Fort Gibson Lake**

1. This is a no surface occupancy lease.
2. All oil and gas drilling and production operations shall be under the supervision of the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), in accordance with 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160.
3. The Secretary of the Army or designee reserves the right to require cessation of operations if a national emergency arises or if the Army needs the leased property for a mission incompatible with lease operations. On approval from higher authority, the District Engineer will give notice of the required suspension. The lessee agrees to this condition and waives compensation for its exercise.
4. If the District Engineer or his authorized representative discovers an imminent danger to safety or security which allows no time to consult the BLM, that person may order such activities stopped immediately. The District Manager, BLM, will be notified immediately, will review the order, and will determine the need for further remedial action.
5. Lessee liability for damage to improvements shall include improvements of the Department of Defense. Lessee shall be liable for pollution and other damages, as a result of their operations, to Government-owned land and property and to the property of the Government's authorized surface user.
6. Before beginning to drill, the lessee must consult with third parties authorized to use real estate in the lease area and must consider programs for which third parties have contractual responsibility.
7. A license to conduct geophysical test on the leased area must be obtained separately from the District Engineer.
8. That all rights under this lease are subordinate to the rights of the United States to flood and submerge the lands, permanently or intermittently, in connection with the operation and maintenance of the above-named project.

9. That the United States shall not be responsible for damages to property or injuries to persons which may arise from or be incident to the use and occupation of the said premises, or for damages to the property of the lessee, or for injuries to the person of the lessee's officers, agents, servants, or employees, or others who may be on said premises at their invitation or the invitation of any one of them arising from or incident to the flooding of the said premises by the Government or flooding from any other cause, or arising from or incident to any other governmental activities; and the lessee shall hold the United States harmless from any and all such claims.

10. That the work performed by the lessee on the lands shall be under the general supervision of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, in direct charge of the project, and subject to such conditions and regulations as may be prescribed by him, and the plans and locations for all structures, appurtenances thereto, and work on said lands shall be submitted to the said District Engineer for approval in advance of commencement of any work on said lands. The District Engineer shall have the right to enter on the premises, at any time, to inspect both the installation and operational activities of the lessee.

11. That no structure or appurtenance thereto shall be of a material or construction determined to create floatable debris.

12. That the construction and operation of said structures and appurtenances thereto shall be of such a nature as not to cause pollution of the soils and the waters of the project.

13. That the United States reserves the right to use the land jointly with the lessee in connection with the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Government project and to place improvements thereon or to remove materials therefrom, including sand and gravel and other construction material, as may be necessary in connection with such work, and the lessee shall not interfere in any manner with such work or do any act which may increase the cost of performing such work. If the cost of the work performed on land outside property included in the lease is made more expensive by reason of improvements constructed on the leased property by the lessee, the lessee shall pay to the United States money in the amount, as estimated by the Chief of Engineers, sufficient to compensate for the additional expense involved.

14. All areas with 2,000 feet of any major structure, including but not limited to the dam, spillway, or embankment, are restricted areas. The lessee, his operators, agents, or employees shall not utilize the surface of restricted areas for any purpose. Drilling operations in, on, or under the restricted areas, including drilling outside of the restricted areas which would cause a bore hole to be under the restricted area, will not be permitted. The restricted areas are included in the lease for the sole purpose of becoming part of a drilling unit so that the United States will share in the royalty of the unit.

15. All existing or proposed public use areas, recreation areas, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, historical sites, and hiking and horseback trail areas may be leased for the sole purpose of becoming a part of a drilling unit. The lessee, his operators, agents, or employees will not use or enter upon the surface for any purpose. Directional drilling from non-public areas is permitted if not otherwise restricted.

16. All storage tanks and slush pits will be protected by dikes of sufficient capacity to protect the reservoir from pollution to flood pool elevation 582.0 feet, for Fort Gibson Lake, National Geodetic Vertical Datum.

17. It is the responsibility of the lessee to identify and be aware of areas where entry is prohibited.

18. The operator will immediately stop work and advise the District Engineer or his authorized representative if contamination is found in the lease area.

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATION**

**PALEONTOLOGY**

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints:

- Restrict vehicles to existing roads and trails.
- Require a paleontological clearance on surface disturbing activities.

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of: To protect the area for scientific study.

If circumstances or relative resource values change or if it can be demonstrated that oil and gas operations can be conducted without causing unacceptable impacts, this stipulation may be waived, excepted, or modified by the BLM Authorized Officer, if such action is consistent with the provisions of the Farmington Resource Management Plan, or if not consistent, through a land use plan amendment and associated National Environmental Policy Act analysis document. If the BLM Authorized Officer determines that the waiver, exception, or modification shall be subject to a 30-day public review period.

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

Bureau of Land Management  
Farmington Field Office

F-9-CSU  
September 2003

**LEASE NOTICE**  
**MOUNTAIN PLOVER**

All development activities proposed under the authority of this lease are subject to compliance with mitigation measures described in the Biological Assessment prepared as part of the Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation for the Farmington RMP. Specifically, the lease is within potential habitat for mountain plover. Surface disturbance activities proposed for the breeding season (April 1 through July 31) will require surveys for mountain plover. If the species is detected in the project area, construction will be restricted to the period of August 1 through March 31. Permanent facilities such as compressor stations may require site-specific mitigation such as noise remediation or maintenance construction timing restrictions. The BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activities that would adversely affect nesting mountain plovers or their habitat. This could result in extended time frames for processing authorizations for development activities, as well as changes in the ways in which developments are implemented.

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE**  
**SPECIAL CULTURAL VALUES and/or TRADITIONAL**  
**CULTURAL PROPERTIES**

Controlled surface use is allowed on the lands described below:

For the purpose of: Protection of known cultural resource values and/or traditional cultural properties in areas not already within ACECs.

If circumstances or relative resource values change or if it can be demonstrated that oil and gas operations can be conducted without causing unacceptable impacts, this stipulation may be waived, excepted, or modified by the BLM Authorized Officer, if such action is consistent with the Farmington Resource Management Plan, or if not consistent, through a land use plan amendment and associated National Environmental Policy Act analysis document. If the BLM Authorized Officer determines that the waiver, exception, or modification involves an issue of major public concern, the waiver, exception, or modification shall be subject to a 30-day public review period.

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

**LEASE NOTICE**  
**BIOLOGICAL SURVEY**

A biological survey may be required prior to any surface disturbing activity on BLM managed lands. Proposed activities may be subject to seasonal closures within sensitive species habitat.

Bureau of Land Management  
Farmington Field Office

F-41-LN  
February 2009



### **Chaco Lease Stipulations**

In order to protect the view from Chaco Culture National Historical Park, a designated World Heritage site, all or some of the following stipulations may be used on new and existing leases within T22N/R11W, T22N/R10W, T21N/R12W, T21N/R10W and T22N/R09W.

- Where possible locations will be chosen so they are hidden from Key Observation Points (KOPs) in Chaco Culture National Historical Park. KOPs could be linear features – roads, byways, trails (a continually moving view) or points: scenic overlooks, cultural features (stationary long duration views). Directional drilling may be required to hide the well location from KOPs.
- Where practical, wells will be co-located to reduce road, pad, and utility surface disturbance.
- Low Profile Tanks will be required.
- Production facilities will be positioned so that they allow maximum room for recontouring of the well location and interim reclamation.
- Special painting schemes, including camouflage patterns, may be required for any facilities.
- Access roads will be designed to follow the contour of the landform and/or mimic lines in vegetation. This can necessitate constructing longer access roads.
- Gates and fencing will be necessary to prevent access by the public to sensitive areas.
- To minimize surface disturbance, roads, utilities and pipelines may share common rights-of-ways.
- Interim reclamation of roads will be initiated immediately after construction with such measures as returning topsoil to cuts, fills and borrow ditches and reseeding with local native vegetation.
- Seed mixes will be chosen based on the location of the proposed well.
- Interim reclamation will be required for the reestablishment of local native vegetation on well locations. Where feasible, all surface disturbances will be recontoured to the original contour except for a flat area to enable setting up any workover rig. Stockpiled topsoil will be respread so that vegetation extends up to the production facilities.

Bureau of Land Management  
Farmington Field Office

F-42-LN  
June 2009

**STIPULATION FOR LANDS OF THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM**  
**UNDER JURISDICTION OF**  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

In conducting operations associated with this lease, the lessee/operator must comply with all the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture set forth at Title 36, Chapter II, of the code of Federal Regulations governing the use, occupancy, and management of the National Forest System (NFS) when not inconsistent with existing lease rights granted by the Secretary of the Interior in the permit. The Secretary of Agriculture's rules and regulations must be complied with for (1) all use and occupancy of the NFS prior to approval of an exploration plan by the Secretary of the Interior, (2) uses of all existing improvements, such as Forest development roads, within and outside the area permitted by the Secretary of the Interior, and (3) use and occupancy of the NFS not authorized by an exploration plan approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

All matters related to this stipulation are to be addressed

To: Forest Service  
Cibola National Forest  
At: Federal Bldg  
2113 Osuna Rd., NE Suite A  
Albuquerque, NM 87113-1001  
  
Telephone No: (505) 346-3804

Who is the authorized representative of the Secretary of Agriculture.

**CULTURAL RESOURCES** (National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), P.L. 89-665 as amended by P.L. 94-422, P.L. 94-458, and P.L. 96-515):

The Forest Service authorized officer is responsible for ensuring that the leased lands are examined prior to the undertaking of any ground-disturbing activities to determine whether or not cultural resources are present, and to specify mitigation measures for effects on cultural resources that are found to be present.

The lessee or operator shall contact the Forest Service to determine if a site-specific cultural resource inventory is required prior to undertaking any surface-disturbing activities on Forest Service lands covered by this lease.

The lessee or operator may engage the services of a cultural resource specialist acceptable to the Forest Service to conduct any necessary cultural resource inventory of the area of proposed surface disturbance. In consultation with the Forest Service authorized officer, the lessee or operator may elect to conduct an inventory of a larger area to allow for a alternative or additional areas of disturbance that may be needed to accommodate other resource needs or operations.

The lessee or operator shall implement mitigation measures required by the Forest Service to preserve or avoid destruction of cultural resource values. Mitigation may include relocation of proposed facilities, testing, salvage, and recordation or other protective measures.

During the course of actual surface operations on Forest Service lands associated with this lease, the lessee or operator shall immediately bring to the attention of the Forest Service the discovery of any cultural or paleontological resources. The lessee or operator shall leave such discoveries intact until directed to proceed by Forest Service.

**THREATENED OR ENDANGERED SPECIES** (The Endangered Species Act. (ESA), P.L. 93-205 ( 1973), P.L. 94-359 (1974), P.L. 95-212 (1977), P.L. 95-632 (1978), P.L. 96-159 (1979), P.L. 97-304 (1982), P.L. 100-653 (1988).

The Forest Service authorized officer is responsible for compliance with the Endangered Species Act. This includes meeting ESA Section 7 consultation requirements with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service prior to any surface disturbing activities associated with this lease with potential effects to species and/or habitats protected by the ESA. The results of consultation may indicate a need for modification of or restrictions on proposed surface disturbing activities.

The lessee or operator may choose to conduct the examination at their cost. Results of the examination will be used in any necessary ESA consultation procedures. This examination and any associated reports, including Biological Assessments, must be done by or under the supervision of a qualified resource specialist approved by the Forest Service. Any reports must also be formally approved by the USDA Forest Service biologist or responsible official.

**STIPULATION FOR LANDS OF THE NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM**  
**UNDER JURISDICTION OF**  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

The permittee/lessee must comply with all the rules and regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture set forth at Title 36, Chapter II, of the code of Federal Regulations governing the use and management of the National Forest System (NFS) when not inconsistent with the rights granted by the Secretary of the Interior in the permit. The Secretary of Agriculture's rules and regulations must be complied with for (1) all use and occupancy of the NFS prior to approval of an exploration plan by the Secretary of the Interior, (2) uses of all existing improvements, such as Forest development roads, within and outside the area permitted by the Secretary of the Interior, and (3) use and occupancy of the NFS not authorized by an exploration plan approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

All matters related to this stipulation are to be addressed

To : Forest Service  
National Forests in Texas  
At : 415 South First Street, Suite 110  
Lufkin, TX 75901  
Telephone No : (936) 639-8501

Who is the authorized representative of the Secretary of Agriculture.

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATION**  
**(Prevention of soil erosion and to prevent riparian areas**

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints:

Facilities will be located at least 300 feet away from all riparian corridors (i.e. 300 feet away from the edge of vegetation zones associated with riparian areas whether they are perennial, intermittent or ephemeral).

Activities associated with drilling and production will be limited or special actions may be required in areas with high potential for wind or water erosion.

New road access will be limited to areas of less than 30% slopes. New road access in or near drainage (watercourses) will be limited to essential crossings with the least environmental impact. All Soil and Water Conservation Practices described in FSH 2509.22 will be followed for each site-specific case of road construction.

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

Prevention of soil erosion and to protect riparian areas.

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

**NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION**

**No Surface occupancy or use is allowed on the lands described below:**

**(U.S. Forest Service Administrative Site (Unit 102) and Federal minerals in and adjacent to the city limits of Cheyenne, OK.)**

**For the purpose of:**

**Protection of lands in and adjacent to the city limits of Cheyenne, OK.**

**Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.**

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATION**  
**NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS**  
**(Protect streamside management zones)**

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints.

Portions of this lease contain streamside management zones (floodplains, wetlands). As a minimum, these areas are established within the 100 year flood plain of all intermittent streams and perennial streams, and 100 feet from the normal pool level contour of lakes. Site- specific proposals for surface-disturbing activities (such as pipelines and seismic surveys) within these areas will be analyzed and will normally result in establishment of protective requirements or limitations for the affected site. Surface occupancy for oil and gas wells will not be allowed within the streamside management zone. (MA-4-63) (MA-5-31)

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

To meet visual quality objectives and protect streamside management zones in accordance with the National Forest and Grasslands in Texas Final Land and Resource Management Plan, dated March 28, 1996.

Any change 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 BLM Manual 1624 and 3101 or FS Manual 1950 and 2820.)

***CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATION***

***NATIONAL FORESTS IN TEXAS***

**(Protect Red-Cockaded Woodpecker Clusters)**

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints.

Portions of the land in this lease are, or may be, occupied by clusters of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. Exploration and development proposals may be modified and/or limited, including no surface occupancy, within  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile of an active red-cockaded woodpecker cluster. In addition, if foraging habitat is limited, no surface occupancy may occur within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of an active red-cockaded woodpecker cluster. Upon receipt of a site-specific proposal, the Forest Service will provide current inventory records of cluster locations and may require that localized surveys be performed to assure no uninventoried clusters are present. (MA-2-80-4.6)

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

To protect red-cockaded woodpecker clusters foraging and habitat areas in accordance with the National Forest and Grasslands in Texas Final Land and Resource Management Plan, dated March 28, 1996.

Any change 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 BLM Manual 1624 and 3101 or FS Manual 1950 and 2820.)



**Controlled Surface Use Stipulation**  
**Special Status Species Habitats**

(Including those not protected by the Endangered Species Act; species proposed for Federal listing, Federal candidates, BLM sensitive Species and State-listed Species).

Operations will be designed to avoid known populations of special status species. Upon submission of an APD or other proposal for surface disturbance, a survey will be required to determine the presence of the subject special status species. Species specific survey protocols will be required should they exist. Should individual specimens or populations be discovered, surface-disturbing activities may be relocated beyond 0.125 miles but not more than 0.25 miles from occupied habitat, depending on the species requirements. This stipulation shall apply throughout the year and for the duration of the lease.

Location: Species-specific. Stipulation applies to all known and later discovered locations of special status species throughout the lease. This will apply to habitats for the following known species:

Plants: Desert night-blooming cereus; Sand prickly pear cactus.

Objective: To avoid adverse impacts on individual species and their associated habitats.

Waiver: None

Modification: None

Justification: Stipulating controlled surface use is deemed necessary to minimize adverse impacts on special status species and their habitats, as required by BLM guidance. Closing these areas to leasing or stipulating no surface occupancy is deemed overly restrictive since BLM allows other surface-disturbing activities within the area. Under standard lease terms and conditions, the requirements described above would be the same; however, the stipulation for controlled surface use informs the lessee of the resource concern at the time the lease is acquired.

New Mexico State Office  
Las Cruces Field Office

LC-49 CSU  
April 2009

**SPECIAL CULTURAL RESOURCE**  
**LEASE NOTICE**

All development activities proposed under the authority of this lease are subject to compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA and Executive Order 13007. The lease area may contain historic properties, traditional cultural properties (TCP's), and/or sacred sites currently unknown to the BLM that were not identified in the Resource Management Plan or during the lease parcel review process.

Depending on the nature of the lease developments being proposed and the cultural resources potentially affected, compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Executive Order 13007 could require intensive cultural resource inventories, Native American consultation, and mitigation measures to avoid adverse effects—the costs for which will be borne by the lessee. The BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activities that are likely to adversely affect TCP's or sacred sites for which no mitigation measures are possible. This could result in extended time frames for processing authorizations for development activities, as well as changes in the ways in which developments are implemented.

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE**  
**FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION STIPULATION**

All or portions of the lands under this lease lie in and/or adjacent to a major watercourse and are subject to periodic flooding. Surface occupancy of these areas will not be allowed without specific approval, in writing, of the Bureau of Land Management.

For the following described land(s):

Any changes in this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE**  
**WETLAND/RIPARIAN STIPULATION**

All or portions of the lands under this lease contain wetland and/or riparian areas. Surface occupancy of these areas will not be allowed without the specific approval, in writing, of the Bureau of Land Management. Impacts or disturbance to wetlands and riparian habitats which occur on this lease must be avoided, or mitigated. The mitigation shall be developed during the application for permit to drill process.

For the following described land(s)

Any changes in this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

Bureau of Land Management  
Oklahoma Field Office

ORA-2 CSU  
November 1991

**LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN STIPULATION**

These leased federal minerals occur in an area known to contain populations of lesser prairie chickens (LPC). The exact locations of habitats utilized by this special status species are not known.

No pad or access road construction, drilling, completion, and/or stimulation (fracturing) activities associated with this federal lease will be allowed in LPC habitat between the dates of March 1 and May 31 (of every year). During that period (March 1 through May 31 of each year) other activities which produce noise or involve human activity, such as the maintenance of O&G facilities, or construction activities associated with pipelines, access roads and/or well pads, will be allowed except between the hours of 3:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M., every day within that period. The 3:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring or pumping, which do not require a human presence. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. Noise from pump jack engines must be muffled or otherwise controlled to no more than 75 db measured at 30 ft from the source of the noise and/or timers must be placed on the pump jacks so as to eliminate pump noise during the hours of 3:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

**The following best management practices (BMPs) will be required:**

a. A 2,640 foot (one-half mile) buffer zone will be maintained between any known active LPC leks and the construction, drilling and/or completion activities conducted on this lease.

b. The operator will be expected to drill multiple wells, planned for this lease, from each approved pad. Strategically located larger pads will be considered drilling islands from which the lease operator will directionally drill as many wells as possible. The lease operator(s) must consider using fewer but larger pads to drill multiple wells from one pad location, rather than many, scattered small pads with one well per pad. The reduction in access roads, flow/pipelines and utility corridors will reduce habitat fragmentation for the LPC.

c. Well pad sites will be selected so as to avoid clumps or motts of previous seasons' grasses (those grasses at 3-10ft height). Every effort must be made to minimize disturbance to, or removal of, such grasses that may exist along the perimeter of the well pad areas. These measures will help to provide nesting sites for LPC hens.

d. Well pad sites will be selected so as to avoid the removal of scrub oaks. Every effort must be made to minimize disturbance to, or removal of, any and all species of oaks (*Quercus* sp.) that may exist in association with any proposed well pad site.

e. The height of all vertical structures, relative to the horizons, must be reduced . This will be accomplished by an actual reduction in size or by using natural occurring geographic features, such as hills and bluffs, as a background for the vertical structures. Vertical structures include, but are not limited to, tank batteries, pump jacks, utility poles and livestock fences (fences around drilling and/or production facilities). Utility/power lines will be installed underground (buried by trenching or boring).

---

Please Note: Current biological information will need to be obtained in order to waive all, or portions, of the LPC requirements listed above. This updated information may/can be in the form of breeding season lek surveys, or habitat suitability evaluations.

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATION**  
**TORREJON FOSSIL ACEC**

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special constraints:

A pedestrian survey must be conducted for paleontological material, using a qualified paleontologist, prior to any surface disturbing activity. (Qualification identified in BLM Handbook 8270). The survey will be used to determine appropriate level of mitigation during construction activities and production stages of the lease. A report on the results of the paleontological survey must be submitted to BLM as part of the permit application for the proposed lease activity.

For the purpose of: Protection of paleontology values in Torrejon Fossil Fauna ACEC.

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 BLM Manual 1624 and 3101 or FS Manual 1950 and 2820).

Bureau of Land Management  
Albuquerque Field Office

RP-11 CSU  
October 2004

**LEASE NOTICE**  
**POTENTIAL CAVE OR KARST OCCURRENCE AREA**

All or portion of the lease are located in a potential cave or karst occurrence area. Within this area, caves or karst features such as sinkholes, passages, and large rooms may be encountered from the surface to a depth of as much as 2,000 feet, within surface areas ranging from a few acres to hundreds of acres. Due to the sensitive nature of the cave or karst systems of this area, special protective measures may be developed during environmental analyses and be required as part of approvals for drilling or other operations on this lease. These measures could include: changes in drilling operations; special casing and cementing programs; modifications in surface activities; or other reasonable measures to mitigate impacts to cave or karst values. These measures may be imposed in accordance with 43 CFR 3101.1-2; 43 CFR 3162.5-1; Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1; and Section 6 of the lease terms.

Bureau of Land Management  
Roswell/Carlsbad Field Office

SENM-LN-1  
February 1991



**LEASE NOTICE**  
**PROTECTION OF THE SAND DUNE LIZARD**

This lease may encompass suitable and occupied habitat of the sand dune lizard (SDL) (Sceloporus arenicolous). The lizard can be found in active or semi-active sand dunes with shinnery oak vegetation. All or portions of the lease may contain suitable or occupied habitat of this special status species.

The Bureau of Land Management through its NEPA process, is responsible for assuring that the leased lands are examined prior to any surface disturbing activities on the lands covered by this lease to determine potential impacts to the lizard and its habitat.

In accordance with Section 6 of the lease terms, the lessee may be required to conduct an examination of the lands to determine the occurrence of the lizard. Protocol for these surveys can be found in the 2008 Special Status Species Resource Management Plan Amendment. The survey would be conducted by a qualified biologist or herpetologist approved by the Bureau of Land Management. A report of the findings would be submitted to the authorized officer.

Exploration and lease development activities may be limited to areas outside of suitable or occupied habitat within the lease. If the surface management agency determines that lease development activities may adversely impact suitable or occupied habitat, restrictions to the lessee's proposal or denial of any beneficial use of the lease may result.

Conditions of Approval for Applications for Permit to Drill or Sundry Notices may be developed to protect habitat for the dunes sagebrush lizard. The lessee will take such measures as may be required by the authorized officer to protect the lizard and its habitat.

Bureau of Land Management  
Pecos District Office

SENM-LN-2  
May 2008

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE**  
**STREAMS, RIVERS, AND FLOODPLAINS**

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints:

Surface disturbance will not be allowed within up to 200 meters of the outer edge of 100-year floodplains, to protect the integrity of those floodplains. On a case-by-case basis, an exception to this requirement may be considered based on one or more of the criteria listed below. The first three criteria would not be applied in areas of identified critical or occupied habitat for federally listed threatened or endangered species.

--Additional development in areas with existing developments that have shown no adverse impacts to the riparian areas as determined by the Authorized Officer, following a case-by-case review at the time of permitting.

--Suitable off-site mitigation if habitat loss has been identified.

--An approved plan of operations ensures the protection of water or soil resources, or both.

--Installation of habitat, rangeland or recreation projects designed to enhance or protect renewable natural resources.

For the purpose of: Protecting Streams, Rivers and Floodplains

On the lands described below:

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE**  
**PLAYAS AND ALKALI LAKES**

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints:

Surface disturbance will not be allowed within up to 200 meters of PLAYAS of Alkali Lakes. Waiver of this requirement will be considered on a case-by-case basis for projects designed to enhance or protect renewable natural resources. An exception for oil and gas development will be considered if Playa lake loss was mitigated by the protection and development of another playa exhibiting the potential for improvement.

Mitigation could include:

installing fencing; developing a supplemental water supply; planting trees and shrubs for shelter belts; conducting playas basin excavation; constructing erosion control structures or cross dikes; or by improving the habitat in another area.

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of: Protecting Playas and Alkali Lakes

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE**  
**SPRINGS, SEEPS AND TANKS**

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints:

Surface disturbance will not be allowed within up to 200 meters of the source of a spring or seep, or within downstream riparian areas created by flows from the source or resulting from riparian area management. Surface disturbance will not be allowed within up to 200 meters of earthen tanks or the adjacent riparian areas created as a result of the presence of the tanks. Exceptions to this requirement will be considered for the installation of habitat or rangeland projects designed to enhance the spring or seep, or downstream flows.

For the purpose of: Protecting Springs, Seeps and Tanks

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE**  
**CAVES AND KARST**

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints:

Surface disturbance will not be allowed within up to 200 meters of known cave entrances, passages or aspects of significant caves, or significant karst features. Waiver of this requirement will be considered for projects that enhance or protect renewable natural resource values, or when an approved plan of operations ensures the protection of cave and karst resources.

For the purpose of: Protecting Caves and Karst Features

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE**  
**PRAIRIE CHICKENS**

No surface use is allowed during the following time periods; unless otherwise specified, this stipulation does not apply to the operation and maintenance of production facilities.

Drilling for oil and gas, and 3-D geophysical exploration operations will not be allowed in Lesser Prairie Chicken Habitat during the period of March 1 through June 15, each year. During that period, other activities that produce noise or involve human activity, such as the maintenance of oil and gas facilities, geophysical exploration other than 3-D operations, and pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during the period. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks known at the time of permitting. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. Exhaust noise from pump jack engines must be muffled or otherwise controlled so as not to exceed 75 db measured at 30 feet from the source of the noise. Exceptions to these requirements will be considered for areas of no or low prairie chicken booming activity, or unoccupied habitat, including leks, as determined at the time of permitting, or in emergency situations.

For the purpose of: Protecting Prairie Chickens

**CONTROLLED SURFACE USE**  
**SAND DUNE LIZARD**

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints:

Surface disturbance will not be allowed in documented occupied habitat areas, or within up to 200 meters of suitable habitat associated with occupied habitat areas identified through field review. An exception to this restriction will be considered when an on-site evaluation of habitat extent, available species occurrence data, the proposed surface use, and proposed mitigations indicate the proposal will not adversely affect the local population.

For the purpose of: Protecting Sand Dune Lizards

### **VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints:

Painting of oil field equipment and structures to minimize visual impacts be conducted according to the requirements of Notice to Lessees (NTL) 87-1, New Mexico. Low profile facilities also may be required, when needed to reduce the contrast of a project with the dominant color, line, texture, and form of the surrounding landscape. Other surface facilities or equipment approved by the BLM, such as large-scale range improvements or pipelines, will be painted, when needed, to conform with the requirements of visual resource management to minimize visual impacts. Paint colors will be selected from the ten standard environmental colors approved by the Rocky Mountain Coordinating committee. The selected paint color will match as closely as possible the predominant soil or vegetation color of the area.

For the purpose of: Protecting Visual Resources Management



# **PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT**

A plan of development (POD) for the entire lease must be submitted for review and approval, including NEPA analysis, by the BLM, *PRIOR* to approval of development actions (APD, Sundry Notices). The POD must indicate planned access to well facilities (roads, pipelines, power lines), and the approximate location of well sites. Should it become necessary to amend the POD, the amendment must be approved prior to approval of subsequent development actions. Deviations from a current POD are not authorized until an amended POD has been approved by BLM.

For the purpose of:

Reducing the amount of surface disturbance in habitat suitable for the lesser prairie chicken (LPC) and sand dune lizard (SDL). The lease contains blocks of habitat suitable for LPC or SDL. Habitat parameters within this area are needed for the life cycle of the species (e.g., edge) or, with habitat manipulation, the area could become suitable habitat. To the extent possible, buffer zones around active LPC leks and/or sand dune complexes will be utilized to provide resource protection.

**ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT**  
**SECTION 7 CONSULTATION STIPULATION**

The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. BLM may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated or proposed critical habitat. BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq., including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.