



FACT SHEET: Grand Junction Field Office PRMP Oil and Gas

The Grand Junction Field Office Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) provides opportunities for environmentally responsible exploration and development of oil and gas resources.

Key oil and gas decision descriptions are found on pages 2-376 to 2-408, as well as appendices B and H.

Oil and Gas Acreage in the Grand Junction Proposed RMP

	Proposed (Acres)
Open to leasing	935,600
BLM Surface / federal mineral	790,700
Private and state surface / federal fluid mineral estate	144,900
Federal mineral estate closed to leasing	295,600
Open with No Surface Occupancy	424,500
Open with Controlled Surface Use	501,700
Open with Wildlife Timing Limitations	383,800

* expressed in acres

Under the proposed alternative, critical Gunnison Sage-grouse Habitat, four Wilderness Study Areas, six Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, three areas with wilderness characteristics, three special recreation management areas, and the Grand Junction and Palisade municipal watersheds are closed to oil and gas leasing, and Bureau of Reclamation withdrawals (3,000 acres). Stipulations such as no surface occupancy and timing limitations protect sensitive areas such as Wildlife Emphasis Areas.

What differs among the alternatives?

The Proposed RMP analyzes a wide-range of alternatives, including the level of stipulations needed to protect sensitive resources.

Areas Closed to Fluid Mineral Leasing – Entire Field Office

BLM managed surface Acres			
Badger Wash ACEC	1,700	Gunnison Sage-Grouse Critical Habitat	
Dolores River Riparian ACEC	7,400	Lands managed for wilderness characteristics	44,100
Juanita Arch ACEC	1,600	Bangs Canyon SRMA	47,800
The Palisade ACEC	32,200	Dolores River Canyon SRMA	16,100
Rough Canyon ACEC	2,800	Palisade Rim SRMA	2,000
Sinbad Valley ACEC	6,400		
Grand Junction Watershed	1,900	Palisade Watershed	5,200
BOR surface, BLM managed land	3,000		
Federal fluid mineral estate under private and state surface closed to fluid mineral leasing			
City of Grand Junction Watershed	1,300	Palisade Watershed	7,100
Gunnison Sage-Grouse critical habitat	16,500	BOR surface, BOR managed	4,900

*expressed in acres

Under Alternative B, the proposed alternative, four Wilderness Study Areas, six Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, critical Gunnison Sage-grouse Habitat, three areas with wilderness characteristics,

three special recreation management areas, the Grand Junction and Palisade municipal watersheds are closed to oil and gas leasing, and Bureau of Reclamation withdrawals (3,000 acres). Stipulations such as no surface occupancy and timing limitations protect sensitive areas such as Wildlife Emphasis Areas.