



Grand Junction Field Office Approved RMP FACT SHEET: Shale Ridges and Canyons Master Leasing Plan

The Approved Grand Junction Field Office Resource Management Plan includes the Shale Ridges and Canyons Master Leasing Plan (MLP), which covers 700,900 acres of fluid mineral estate northeast of Grand Junction.

The purpose of an MLP is to strategically plan for oil and gas leasing and development and address potential resource conflicts.

The Shale Ridges and Canyons MLP provides tools to mitigate impacts from oil and gas development where conflicts with wildlife, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, visual resources, and other resources could occur.

Specifically, the MLP applies stipulations to reduce impacts to key resource values such as wildlife and wildlife habitat, rare plants, recreation and view sheds.

Stipulations: Of the 700,900 acres of BLM-administered fluid federal mineral estate within the MLP:

- 646,300 would be open to leasing and subject to lease stipulations including:
 - 328,700 acres No Surface Occupancy
 - 362,500 acres Controlled Surface Use
 - 237,500 acres Timing Limitations
- 54,600 acres would be closed to leasing