



Grand Junction Field Office Approved RMP FACT SHEET: Fish and Wildlife

The Approved RMP Amendment offers significant protections and mitigations for wildlife including:

- Stipulations and Conditions of Approval to protect sensitive fish and wildlife areas at sensitive times, such as winter range, migration corridors and production areas.
- Adoption of best management practices to protect against spread of aquatic nuisance species (e.g. zebra mussels, New Zealand mud snails, etc.), constructing fences to ensure safe passage of wildlife species, and protecting nesting raptors by completing surveys prior to conducting activities during nesting season.

Wildlife Emphasis Areas

The RMP identifies 10 wildlife emphasis areas covering 150,000 acres where more management emphasis would be placed to protect and improve conditions for wildlife, including sage-grouse, pronghorn, mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, prairie dog and kit fox.

Some of the special management actions in Wildlife Emphasis Areas include:

- protecting and improving habitat conditions through vegetation treatments
- consolidating rights-of-ways into existing disturbance
- limiting route density and consolidating surface occupancy and disturbance to reduce habitat fragmentation
- restricting season of use in some areas to protect wildlife during critical times of the year when they are more sensitive to human activity