

**BLM UNCOMPAGHRE FIELD OFFICE (UFO) WEED STIPULATIONS**

**Minimum Standards**

1. For BLM UFO Right of Way grants, the holder shall be responsible for weed control within the limits of the right-of-way.
2. For all other BLM UFO authorizations, including Oil and Gas operations, the proponent shall be responsible for weed control within the limits of the project area related to the authorization.
3. For all authorizations, the holder/proponent is responsible for consultation with the authorized officer and/or local authorities for the targeted weed species and acceptable weed control methods (within limits imposed in the grant stipulations) including pesticides/herbicides approved for use on BLM land.
4. For all authorizations within the UFO, use of pesticides/herbicides, if approved, shall comply with the applicable Federal and state laws. Pesticides/herbicides shall be used only in accordance with their registered uses and within limitations imposed by the Secretary of the Interior.
  - a. The holder/proponent shall submit a complete pesticide use proposal (PUP) for all pesticides to be applied on BLM public lands within the ROW at least 90 days prior to the intended application timeframe.
  - b. The holder/proponent shall submit a pesticide application record (PAR) within 30 days of application of pesticides on BLM public lands within the ROW.
  - c. Emergency use of pesticides/herbicides shall be approved in writing by the authorized officer prior to such use.
5. For all authorizations within the UFO, the BLM authorized officer shall be contacted to determine the appropriate seed mix to be used on authorization related disturbance. BLM places the following requirements on seed mixes which are put on BLM lands:

- 1) Use the following minimum PLS (Pure Live Seed) tolerances

PLS tested %	Tolerance % points
81-100	-7
61-80	-6
41-60	-5
21-40	-4
0-20	-3

All seed must comply with BLM and Colorado weed seed guidelines. There should be no prohibited species seed, and no more than allowable levels of restricted species seed. In addition, there should be no more than 0.5% total weed seed, less than 2% other seed, and no trash larger than ¼” in length. Seed shall not be stored in burlap bags.

- 2) The BLM UFO places additional local restrictions on seed to minimize cheatgrass spread. If seed tests show any *Bromus tectorum* or *Bromus japonicus*, the BLM

should be consulted with for approval. No mix placed on BLM shall contain more than 150 *Bromus tectorum* and/or *Bromus japonicus* seeds per pound.

- 3) BLM requires additional seed tests on seeding projects that are greater than 20 acres and/or require over 200 lbs of seed. For these seeding projects, the holder should have the seed supply company store the purchased seed prior to mixing, and pull samples to be sent to a certified laboratory, preferably Wyoming State Seed Laboratory at the following address. Seed test results must comply with the criteria listed above before seed is mixed, shipped and applied to the project area:

Wyoming State Seed Laboratory  
749 Road 9  
Powell, WY 82435
  - 4) BLM will need copies of seed tags and test results for all seed applied regardless of project size.
  - 5) Only State Certified weed free mulch shall be used.
6. Per the BLM Wildlife Biologist, the proponent shall conform to the following mitigation measures to ensure the project has no effect on any federally listed or sensitive species:
- Surface disturbing activities or application of herbicide will not occur within 660 feet of known federally protected plant populations, or within 330 feet of known BLM sensitive plant populations. For small scale or less intensive treatments or activities (e.g., vegetation trimming, handtool work, etc., as determined by a BLM biologist), ground disturbing activities will not occur within 100 feet of known federally protected plants, or within 50 feet of known BLM sensitive plants. Appropriate sediment and erosion control, weed control, and similar practices will be applied as necessary to protect plant populations.