



## Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan Amendment

### Wildlife Protections

Potential impacts to wildlife from oil and gas development are minimized through a number of features in the Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan Amendment:

#### **Wildlife habitat fragmentation is minimized through:**

- A staged, one-ridge-at-a-time approach on top of the plateau
- Keeping development to the ridges to protect creeks and wooded slopes
- Limiting surface disturbance to about one percent of the acres on top of the Plateau at any one time (350 acres).
- Clustering wells on multi-well pads. Each pad will be no closer than 0.5 mile apart on top of the Plateau.

#### **Wildlife disturbance is minimized through:**

- Timing limitations on drilling, road construction and related activities on nearly 35,000 acres of critical big game winter range below the Plateau from December through April.
- Protecting nearly 23,000 acres of “wildlife security areas” identified by the Colorado Division of Wildlife on top and below the plateau through no surface occupancy or controlled use occupancy stipulations
- Stipulations to protect nesting raptors

#### **Cutthroat trout habitat is protected through:**

- No-surface occupancy stipulations in areas surrounding high-value cutthroat habitat
- Keeping development to the ridges and out of the drainages
- Strict requirements on road and well pad construction to prevent erosion and sedimentation

- BLM has worked closely with the Colorado Division of Wildlife to minimize impacts to wildlife
- Some of the most critical habitat for big game actually lies below the plateau
- Populations of the Colorado River Cutthroat Trout on the Roan Plateau are some of the most genetically pure that exist