



White River RMP Oil and Gas Amendment FACT SHEET: Special Status Plants

The BLM lands in the White River Field Office provide important habitat to a number of special status plant populations, including:

- four plants that are either listed or candidate species under the Endangered Species Act
- one proposed for listing under the Act
- 11 additional plants that are identified as BLM sensitive species

These plants have very limited distributions and in some cases are found nowhere else in the world. Section 3.3.4 details the status of these plants. Protective measures are detailed in Table 2-10.

The 10 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (totaling 65,000 acres) designated to protect special status plants will not change under this Amendment.

Under Alternatives B and C, an additional 2,000 acres of important threatened and sensitive plant populations existing outside of the ACECs would be emphasized and subject to specific stipulations, Conditions of Approval, and Best Management Practices for sensitive plants and associated habitats.

The Amendment considers a range of stipulations to protect sensitive plant species:

Stipulations to protect special status plants

	Alt A: Current Mgt	Alt B	Alt C: Preferred	Alt D
Federally Listed Plants	48,800 acres of No Surface Occupancy (NSO) stipulations cover occupied and potential habitat for listed and candidate plants.	91,400 acres of NSO stipulations cover all areas within 660 ft of potential, suitable, and occupied habitat for listed, proposed, candidate plants. No exceptions to this NSO could be granted.	91,400 acres of NSO stipulations cover all areas within 660 ft of suitable and occupied habitat for listed, proposed, candidate plants; no buffer on potential habitat.	51,700 acres of NSO stipulations cover all areas within 660 ft of occupied habitat for listed, proposed, candidate plants.
BLM Sensitive Plants	7,200 acres of NSO stipulations cover occupied habitat.	78,700 acres of NSO stipulations cover all areas within 330 ft of occupied, potential, and suitable habitat. No exceptions to this NSO could be granted.	78,700 acres of NSO stipulations cover all areas within 330 ft of occupied & suitable habitat.	7,200 acres of Controlled Surface Use stipulations cover all areas within occupied habitat. (No NSO stipulations for this purpose)