



White River RMP Oil and Gas Amendment FACT SHEET: Understanding the Alternatives

- The alternatives in this RMP Amendment analyze a range of development scenarios for oil and gas over a 20-year period. Decisions about which lands are open and closed to oil and gas leasing in the White River Field Office are not being addressed in this Plan Amendment.
- No wells are authorized by this plan – the well numbers are assumed maximums by alternative only. The RMP Amendment looks at the impacts of the potential oil and gas development and looks at a range of alternatives to minimize the associated impacts.
- The final plan amendment may include elements from more than one alternative.

Alternative A

- Retains the current stipulations, conditions of approval and management goals on the ground today.
- Updates the 20-year development projection to consider up to 4,603 wells on 550 new well pads with an associated surface disturbance of 6,600 acres.
- Assumes the rate of development would remain consistent with the annual rate of APDs approved in 2006.

Alternative B

- Emphasizes conservation and protection of other resource uses concurrently with oil and gas production.
- Incorporates a managed development approach that offers operator incentives for concentrated development.
- Development of up to 9,191 wells on 1,100 well pads with an associated surface disturbance of 13,200 acres is analyzed under this alternative.

Alternative C

- The preferred alternative.
- Incorporates the managed development approach of Alt B, but with higher disturbance thresholds and more exceptions and modifications to lease stipulations could be granted.
- Under this alternative, up to 15,042 wells on 1,800 well pads and an associated surface disturbance of 21,600 acres is considered.

Alternative D

- Emphasizes the production of oil and gas resources under environmental protection afforded by applicable laws, regulations, and BLM policy.
- Development of up to 21,200 wells on 2,556 new well pads with an associated surface disturbance of 30,700 acres is analyzed under this alternative.