

## **Appendix 7**

# **Management Decisions Modified From the 1997 White River RMP**





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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

It is the intention for the WRFO Oil and Gas Development RMP Amendment to provide comprehensive management direction necessary for oil and gas exploration and development within the planning area. The following table shows management decisions that were not addressed in either the Draft or Proposed WRFO Oil and Gas Development RMPA for the resource identified. In order to clarify that only management direction provided in the Oil and Gas Development RMPA is used to manage oil and gas exploration and development in the WRFO, text was either added to or deleted in the 1997 White River RMP. The table below indicates where these changes have been made.

### 2.0 CHANGES MADE TO 1997 WHITE RIVER RMP RELEVANT TO OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

1997 WR RMP Page	Document Section	Clarifying Text (Additions are shown in gray highlights; deletions are shown with a strikethrough.)
2-2	Soils	Appropriate stipulations and conditions of approval listed in Appendix A and Appendix B, respectively, will be used in the design of all BLM-initiated surface disturbing activities and for developing conditions for all new land use authorizations, except for oil and gas exploration and development activities.
2-2	Soils	<del>Legal descriptions for the acreage identified in the soil related stipulations in Appendix A will be placed in a computer data base. The data base will be utilized by CSO personnel to attach special surface stipulations to all new oil and gas leases</del>
2-3	Surface Water	Surface stipulations listed in Appendix A will be applied to <del>all new oil and gas leases and other</del> new surface-disturbing activities, except for oil and gas development.
2-3	Ground Water	Lessees/operators/applicants will be required to use the appropriate COAs listed in Appendix B in designing their proposed projects, <del>except for oil and gas exploration and development activities.</del>
2-4	Water Rights	Depleted or dry <del>oil and gas</del> mineral exploration and development wells, that could provide an adequate source of water for livestock and wildlife, will be reviewed for conversion to a water well at the time a Notice of Intent to abandon the well has been submitted. Operators/Lessees of the identified wells may be liable for plugging-back the well to the desired aquifer zone. Liability for the well will then be assumed by the BLM.
2-5	Oil and Gas	<del>Surface stipulations and lease notices will be entered into a computer data base by legal description. The BLM Colorado State Office leasing section personnel will then utilize the data base to append applicable stipulations and notices to new leases.</del>

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2-5	Oil and Gas	An environmental analysis document will be prepared for all Applications for Permit to Drill (APD) and Sundry Notices (SN) proposing new surface disturbance or unique and unusual downhole workover operations. A decision will be made, based on the environmental document, whether to deny or approve the planned operation, or to exempt, modify or waive an existing lease stipulation. Exemptions will be handled administratively in accordance with the language included in the specific stipulation. It should be noted that a stipulation could be excepted, modified, or waived as stated in the stipulation, without preparing an RMP amendment.
2-17	Threatened and Endangered Plant Species	This stipulation will apply to all surface disturbing activities within these areas, except for oil and gas exploration and development activities.
2-17	Threatened and Endangered Plant Species	All known and potential T/E habitat, including ACECs, will be exclusion areas for new Rights-of- Way authorizations, except for oil and gas exploration and development activities.
2-18	Threatened and Endangered Plant Species	The BLM Colorado State Office will place a NSO stipulation on new oil and gas leases issued in both known and potential T/E habitat. The Area Manager will attach the NSO stipulation to all other surface-disturbing land use authorizations approved in these habitat areas, except for oil and gas exploration and development.
2-18	Sensitive Plants and RVAs	NSO stipulations will be attached to all use authorizations, except for oil and gas exploration and development, encompassing these areas.
2-19	Sensitive Plants and RVAs	The BLM Colorado State Office personnel will attach a NSO stipulation to all surface-disturbing use authorizations except for new oil and gas leases issued within the above identified ACECs, and the known and potential habitat for sensitive plant and RVA locations. The Area Manager will also attach a NSO stipulation to all surface disturbing use authorizations proposed within these sensitive plant and RVA locations.
2-22	Woodlands	Commercial and non-commercial woodlands removed as a result of development (i.e., oil shale, oil and gas, sodium) will be appraised and purchased prior to removal.
2-29	Big Game	Stipulations listed in Appendix A will be applied to all BLM- conducted and permitted surface-use activities in big game habitats, except for oil and gas exploration and development activities.
2-31	Raptors	NSO and TL stipulations will be applied, where appropriate (See Appendix A), to all permitted surface use activities, except for oil and gas exploration and development activities, through various use authorizations or leasing processes.
2-33	Grouse	NSO, TL and CSU stipulations will be applied, where appropriate, to all permitted surface use activities, except for oil and gas exploration and development activities, through various use authorizations and leasing processes.
2-33	Grouse	A CSU stipulation will be applied to all permitted land use activities, except for oil and gas exploration and development activities, that involve the modification of aspen, serviceberry and chokecherry communities north of Highway 40.
2-36	Special Status Species	NSO, TL and CSU stipulations associated with black-footed ferret, bald eagle, Colorado River cutthroat trout, ferruginous hawk, and northern

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		goshawk (see Appendix. A), will be applied, where appropriate, to all use authorizations and leasing processes, except for oil and gas exploration and development activities.
2-57	General Implementation Schedule	Surface Stipulations identified in Appendix A will be in effect for <del>new oil and gas leases and other</del> surface disturbing activities other than oil and gas exploration and development authorized on BLM lands;
2-57	General Implementation Schedule	<del>A computer data base of legal descriptions associated with the Surface Stipulations identified in Appendix A will be developed and maintained for use by White River and Colorado State Office personnel.</del>
A-1	Appendix A	Where applicable, these stipulations would be applied to all surface disturbing activities associated with land use authorizations, permits, and leases issued on BLM administered lands, with the exception of oil and gas exploration and development which would follow guidance in the 2015 Oil and Gas Development RMPA.
A-1	Appendix A	<del>The stipulation codes and legal descriptions will be placed in a computer data base in the Colorado State Office (CSO). CSO personnel will utilize the data base to attach applicable stipulations or notices to new oil and gas lease parcels that will be sold at auction.</del>
B-1	Appendix B	These conditions will apply, where appropriate, to all use authorizations, including BLM initiated projects with the exception of oil and gas exploration and development which would follow guidance in the 2015 Oil and Gas Development RMPA.
B-6	Appendix B	<del>Oil and Gas</del> Mineral Exploration and Development Wells

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