

CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATION

SOILS – SENSITIVE SOILS

Stipulation: Surface occupancy and use will be controlled on sensitive soils. Sensitive soils are determined using a combination of slope and soil erodibility. Prior to surface disturbance on sensitive soils, a reclamation plan must be approved by the AO. The plan must demonstrate the following:

- (1) no other practicable alternatives exist for relocating the activity,
- (2) the activity will be located to reduce impacts to soil and water resources,
- (3) site productivity will be maintained or restored,
- (4) surface runoff and sedimentation will be adequately controlled,
- (5) on- and off-site areas will be protected from accelerated erosion,
- (6) that no areas susceptible to mass wasting would be disturbed, and
- (7) surface-disturbing activities will be prohibited during extended wet periods.

On the lands described below:

Objective: To maintain the chemical, physical, and biotic properties of soils, this includes maintaining soil productivity, soil stability, and soil biotic properties. This will prevent excessive erosion, potential mass wasting, and improve the likelihood of successful reclamation.

Exception: The AO may grant an exception to this stipulation if the operator can demonstrate that the proposed action will not contribute to degradation of the soil resource (e.g., excessive soil erosion, mass wasting, and/or lost productivity) or downslope resource conditions (e.g., reduced water quality due to sedimentation).

Modification: The AO may modify the area affected by this stipulation if it is determined that portions of the leasehold do not contain sensitive soils.

Waiver: The AO may waive this stipulation if it is determined that the entire leasehold does not contain sensitive soils.

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