

CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATION

BIGHORN SHEEP RANGE

Stipulation: Prior to surface-disturbing or disruptive activities a plan to maintain bighorn sheep habitat will be prepared by the proponent and implemented upon approval by the authorized officer. This plan shall address how short-term and long-term direct and indirect effects to bighorn sheep range will be mitigated based on current science and research (Appendix E.5).

On the lands described below:

Objective: To protect bighorn sheep habitat and populations from disturbance and to facilitate long-term maintenance of bighorn sheep populations.

Exception: The authorized officer may grant an exception if an environmental review determines that the action, as proposed or conditioned, would not compromise the functionality of the habitat for bighorn sheep.

Modification: The authorized officer may modify the area subject to the stipulation if an environmental analysis finds that a portion of the area is no longer bighorn sheep habitat and supports no bighorn sheep populations. The authorized officer may also modify the size and shape of the area based on studies documenting actual habitat suitability and/or local periods of actual use.

Waiver: This stipulation may be waived, if it is determined that bighorn sheep populations no longer occupy significant portions of the area and there is no reasonable likelihood of functional bighorn sheep habitat being restored.

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