

CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATION

INVASIVE SPECIES AND NOXIOUS WEEDS

Stipulation: Surface occupancy and use is subject to the following operating constraints:

The following noxious weed(s) has been identified within the boundaries of the lease parcel:

If operator(s) chooses to disrupt/build roads/build facilities on the parcel, then the operator(s) will be responsible for providing an Integrated Weed Management (IPM) plan and the operator will be also responsible for the cost of treatment and monitoring throughout the duration of the project.

1. Site Inventories:
 - a. Must be conducted to determine the presence of noxious weeds for all disturbance or use areas.
 - b. Are required in known habitat for all areas proposed for surface disturbance before initiating project activities, at a time when the plant can be detected, and during appropriate flowering periods.
 - c. Should include documentation on individual plant locations.
 - d. Individual(s) qualified in the identification of invasive species must conduct surveys.
2. Lease activities will require monitoring throughout the duration of the project to prevent the spread and introduction and ensure desired results of past treatment(s).
3. Project activities must be designed to minimize soil disturbance to the extent practical, consistent with project objectives.
 - a. Avoid creating soil conditions that promote weed germination and establishment.
 - b. Avoid or minimize all types of travel through weed-infested areas or restrict travel to periods when the spread of seeds or propagules is least likely.
 - c. Prevent the introduction and spread of weeds caused by moving weed-infested sand, gravel, borrow, and fill material.
 - d. Inspect material sources before moving infested material to site. On the lands described below:
 - e. Any and all equipment undercarriage must be power washed prior to entry to the aforementioned parcel and prior to leaving public highways/roads. When temperatures fall below freezing (32°F), high pressure air may be substituted for power washing.
 - f. All disturbed areas will be revegetated to native species composed of indigenous species appropriate to the area.

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Objective: To prevent the spread and introduction of noxious weeds and ensure desired results of past treatment(s).

Exception: The stipulation may be waived by the authorized officer if the noxious weed site inventory determines that the lease is found not to have noxious weed species present. If inventory shows no noxious weeds present, the operator must continue to monitor for noxious weeds throughout the duration of the project.

Modification: The exception to this stipulation may be granted if BLM determines and if current weed site inventory indicates that the portion of the lease identified for surface disturbing activities does not contain noxious weed(s). If inventory shows no noxious weeds present, the operator must continue to monitor for noxious weeds throughout the duration of the project.

Waiver: The boundaries of the stipulated area to be inventoried for noxious weeds may be modified if BLM determines that a large portion of the lease identified for surface disturbing activities does not contain noxious weed species. Such as during pre-drill/onsite inspection for noxious weed species determines that the area proposed for access and/or the construction of a drill pad has not noxious weeds present. If inventory shows no noxious weeds present, the operator must continue to monitor for noxious weeds throughout the duration of the project.