

## CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATION

### PRAIRIE DOGS HABITAT

**Stipulation:** Oil and gas leasing will be open and surface occupancy and use on prairie dog colonies will be allowed provided adequate mitigation and conservation actions are implemented to maintain the functionality of the prairie dog habitat.

On the lands described below:

**Objective:** Protection of prairie dog habitat.

**Exception:** An exception can be granted by the AO if the operator submits a plan that demonstrates that the proposed action will not affect the prairie dog or its habitat. If the AO determines that the action can affect the prairie dog or its habitat and has the potential to subsequently affect the black-footed ferret, consultation with the USFWS will be required prior to final determination on the exception

**Modification:** The boundaries of the stipulated area can be modified if the AO determines that portions of the area are no longer essential to the prairie dog.

**Waiver:** This stipulation can be waived if the AO determines that the entire leasehold no longer contains habitat essential to the prairie dog or the prairie dog is no longer considered a BLM sensitive species.