

## CONTROLLED SURFACE USE STIPULATION

### SPECIAL STATUS PLANT SPECIES

Surface occupancy or use is subject to the following special operating constraints:

A field inspection will be conducted for special status plant species by the lessee prior to any surface disturbance. A list of special status plant species and any known populations or suitable habitat will be provided to the lessee after issuance of the lease. Plant species on the list are subject to change over time as new information becomes available. Plant inventories must be conducted at the time of year when the target species are actively growing and flowering. An acceptable report must be provided to the BLM documenting the presence or absence of special status plants in the area proposed for surface disturbing activities. The findings of this report may result in restrictions to the operator's plans or may preclude use and occupancy.

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

Protect and conserve rare plants, associated plant communities and the habitat that supports them.

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or regulatory provisions for such changes.

Exception: An exception may be granted if the BLM determines that the portion of the lease identified for surface disturbing activities does not support special status plant species or provide potential habitat for these species.

Modification: The boundaries of the area to be inventoried for special status plants may be modified if the BLM determines that a large portion of the lease identified for surface disturbing activities doesn't support special status plant species or provide potential habitat for these species.

Waiver: The field inspection and plant inventory may be waived by the authorized officer if it is determined that the subject lease occurs in an area with no known populations of special status plant species and that the area doesn't provide habitat for those species.

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