

NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION

RAPTORS

Stipulation: Surface occupancy and use is prohibited within 0.25 mile of raptor nest sites active within the preceding 7 years.

On the lands described below:

Objective: To protect nest sites of raptors identified as BLM priority species for management (burrowing owl, golden eagle, ferruginous hawk, Swainson's hawk, prairie falcon, and northern goshawk).

Exception: The AO may grant an exception if the action will not result in nest territory abandonment.

Modification: The AO may modify the boundaries of the stipulated area if portions of the leasehold are no longer within 0.25 mile of raptor nest sites active within the past 7 years.

Waiver: The AO may waive this stipulation if the entire leasehold is no longer within 0.25 mile of raptor nest sites active within the past 7 years or if the habitat has been altered to an extent, future use by nesting raptors is unlikely.

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