

NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION

CRUCIAL WINTER RANGE

Stipulation: Surface occupancy and use is prohibited for oil and gas exploration and development in crucial winter range for antelope, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mule deer, white-tailed deer, and Greater Sage-grouse.

On the lands described below:

Objective: To protect winter ranges crucial to the survival of 80% of the species identified as BLM priority species for management in the most severe of winters.

Exception: The AO, after coordination with the state wildlife management agency, may grant an exception if the action will not result in impairing the function or suitability of the winter range habitat.

Modification: The AO, after coordination with the state wildlife management agency, may modify the boundaries of the stipulated area if portions of the leasehold no longer support wintering wildlife.

Waiver: The AO, after coordination with the state wildlife management agency, may waive this stipulation if the entire leasehold has been altered to an extent that future use by wintering wildlife is unlikely.