

NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION

PRAIRIE DOG HABITAT

Stipulation: Surface occupancy and use is prohibited for oil and gas exploration and development within 1/4 mile of black-tailed or white-tailed prairie dog habitat. Prairie dog habitat is defined as the maximum extent of areas occupied by prairie dogs at any time during the last 10 years.

On the lands described below:

Objective: To protect prairie dog habitat, a BLM priority species for management as well as, burrowing owls, mountain plover, and other obligate species.

Exception: The AO may grant an exception if the action will not impair the function or suitability of the prairie dog habitat.

Modification: The AO may modify the boundaries of the stipulated area if portions of the leasehold are no longer within 1/4 mile of prairie dog habitat active within the past 10 years.

Waiver: The AO may waive this stipulation if the entire leasehold is no longer within 1/4 mile of prairie dog colonies active within the past 10 years.