

NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION

STREAMS, WATERBODIES, RIPARIAN, WETLAND, AND FLOODPLAINS

Stipulation: Surface occupancy and use is prohibited within perennial or intermittent streams, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, 100-year floodplains, wetlands, and riparian areas.

On the lands described below:

Objective: To protect the unique biological and hydrological features and functions associated with perennial and intermittent streams, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, floodplains, wetlands, and riparian areas.

Exception: No exceptions would be allowed in streams, natural lakes, or wetlands. An exception may be granted by the AO for riparian areas, floodplains, and artificial ponds or reservoirs if the operator can demonstrate that:

- there are no practicable alternatives to locating facilities in these areas,
- the proposed actions would maintain or enhance resource functions, and
- all reclamation goals and objectives would be met.

Modification: The AO may modify the boundaries of the stipulated area if it is determined that portions of the leasehold do not include these types of areas.

Waiver: The AO may waive this stipulation if it is determined that the entire leasehold does not include these types of areas.

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