

NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION

BLACK-FOOTED FERRET HABITAT

Stipulation: Surface occupancy and use is prohibited for oil and gas exploration and development within 1/4 mile of black-footed ferret habitat.

On the lands described below:

Objective: To protect habitat for the federally endangered black-footed ferret.

Exception: The AO, subject to consultation with the USFWS, may grant an exception if the action will not impair the function or suitability of the black-footed ferret habitat.

Modification: The AO, subject to confirmation from the USFWS, may modify the boundaries of the stipulated area if portions of the leasehold are no longer within 1/4 mile of current or potential black-footed ferret habitat.

Waiver: The AO, subject to consultation with USFWS, may waive this stipulation, if the entire leasehold is no longer within 1/4 mile of current to potential black-footed ferret habitat.

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