

NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION

GREATER SAGE-GROUSE LEKS (GENERAL HABITAT AREAS)

Stipulation: Surface occupancy and use is prohibited within 0.6 miles of Greater Sage-Grouse leks. This stipulation does not apply within the boundaries of the Greater Sage-Grouse Priority Habitat Management Area.

On the lands described below:

Objective: To protect Greater Sage-Grouse leks to maintain Greater Sage-Grouse populations.

Exception: The AO, in consultation with Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP), may grant an exception if portions of the area can be occupied without adversely affecting Greater Sage-Grouse leks.

Modification: The boundaries of the stipulated area may be modified if the AO, in consultation with MFWP, determines that portions of the area can be occupied without adversely affecting Greater Sage-Grouse leks. The AO, in consultation with MFWP, may also modify the size and shape of the area based on studies documenting actual habitat suitability and/or local periods of actual use.

Waiver: The stipulation may be waived if the AO, in consultation with MFWP, determines that no portion of the leasehold is within 0.6 mile of the perimeter of an active lek.

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