

NO SURFACE OCCUPANCY STIPULATION

SHARP-TAILED GROUSE AND GREATER PRAIRIE CHICKEN LEKS

Stipulation: Surface occupancy and use is prohibited for oil and gas exploration and development within 1/2 mile of sharp-tailed grouse and greater prairie chicken leks.

On the lands described below:

Objective: To protect leks for sharp-tailed grouse and greater prairie chicken, a BLM priority species for management.

Exception: The AO, after coordination with the state wildlife management agency, may grant an exception if the action will not result in lek abandonment.

Modification: The AO may modify the boundaries of the stipulated area after coordination with the state wildlife management agency if portions of the leasehold are no longer within 1/2 mile of the perimeter of active leks active within the past 5 years or if the habitat has been altered to an extent that future use by sharp-tailed grouse or greater prairie chicken is unlikely.

Waiver: The AO may waive this stipulation after coordination with the state wildlife management agency if the entire leasehold is no longer within 1/2 mile of the perimeter of active sharp-tailed grouse or greater prairie chicken leks active within the past 5 years or if the habitat has been altered to an extent that future use by sharp-tailed grouse or greater prairie chicken is unlikely.