
Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

OFFICE: Elko District Office

TRACKING NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-E000-2013-0001-DNA

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: 3100

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: March, 2013 Oil & Gas Lease Sale

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: See Attachment 1

APPLICANT: This is a BLM initiated action, based on nominations from industry

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

The BLM, Elko District, proposes to have the State Director offer 37 parcels in the Elko District, totaling approximately 45,769.68 acres for Oil & Gas leasing in the competitive lease sale in March, 2013. **Attachment 1** contains the parcel list with legal descriptions of the offered parcels and a general location map of the parcels. The parcels would be offered subject to leasing stipulations as identified in the attached table (**Attachment 2**). The full text of each stipulation is in **Attachment 3**. More detailed map(s) of the parcels are available upon request to the Elko District. The parcels are within areas covered by the 1987 Elko and 1985 Wells Resource Management Plan (RMP), and all are designated as open to leasing. None of the parcels are in or close to a wilderness study area.

As noted in **Attachment 2**, none of the parcels require application of the special recreation management area or developed campground stipulations.

- The stipulations for Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species (OG-010-05-01), and Raptor Nesting Sites (OG-010-05-02) would be attached to all leases.
- The stipulation for Cultural Resources/Native American Consultation (OG-010-05-03) also would be attached to all leases.
- Stipulations # OG-010-05-07 (Sage grouse Leks-12 parcels), OG-010-05-08 (Sage grouse Brood Grounds-25 parcels) and OG-010-05-09 (Sage grouse Crucial Winter Habitat-24 parcels) will also be applied.
- Stipulation # OG-010-05-10 for I80 Low Visibility Corridor has been applied to nine parcels.
- The stipulation (OG-010-05-13) for Congressionally designated National Historic Trails is applicable to 23 of the offered lease parcels if portions of the trail are affected.
- Parcel #76 has the No Surface Occupancy (NSO) (OG-010-05-64) stipulation for the entire parcel. Parcel #34 has NSO for the NW ¼ of Section 34, T.34 N., R.56 E., due to its proximity to residences.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name* Wells Resource Management Plan

Date Approved July 1985

LUP Name* Elko Resource Management Plan

Date Approved March 1987

Other document (s): **December 2005 Oil & Gas Lease Sale Programmatic Environmental Assessment and the Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record, September 20, 2005**

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

The 1985 Record of Decision (ROD) for the Wells RMP, page 25, provides that, *“The public lands will be managed in a manner which recognizes the Nation’s needs for domestic sources of minerals.”* As a standard operating procedure, the ROD prescribes that, *“Time-of-day and/or time-of-year restrictions will be placed on construction activities associated with leasable and saleable mineral explorations and/or development that are in the immediate vicinity or would cross crucial sage grouse, crucial deer and pronghorn antelope winter habitats, antelope kidding areas, or raptor nesting areas.”*

The 1987 Elko RMP ROD determined lands subject to leasing as follows (Page 35 and Map 13):

- (1) Open – subject to standard leasing stipulations
- (2) Limited – subject to no surface occupancy (Special Recreation Managements Areas and sage grouse strutting grounds)
- (3) Limited – subject to seasonal restrictions.(crucial deer winter range, crucial antelope yearlong habitat and sage grouse brood rearing areas).
- (4) Closed – wilderness and wilderness study areas recommended for designation.

The Minerals Objective is to: *“Maintain public lands open for exploration, development and production of mineral resources while mitigating conflicts with wildlife, wild horses, recreation and wilderness resources.”*

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

December 2005 Oil and Gas Lease Sale Environmental Assessment (BLM/EK/PL-2005/005). FONSI/DR signed September 20, 2005

Note: The 2005 EA tiers to the environmental impact statements (EISs) for the 1987 Elko Resource Management Plan and the 1985 Wells Resource Management Plan (RMPs).

List by name and date other documents relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

See References for the 2005 EA.

D.

NEPA Adequacy Criteria

- 1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?**

Yes. This action is similar to the action analyzed in the 2005 EA for the Elko District parcels. Geographic and resource conditions of the currently nominated parcels are similar to the parcels analyzed in the EA. There are no unusual situations that affect leasing of the parcels that would not be mitigated by the stipulations indicated by Attachment 2.

- 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

Yes. The analysis of impacts for the Proposed Action in the 2005 EA considered current information on natural, cultural, social and economic resources with respect to leasing activities. One of the alternatives analyzed in the 2005 EA was to defer consideration of nominated parcels for a future sale, pending further study needed before the Elko District could determine measures to best mitigate potential impacts to these resources.

- 3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?**

Yes. Issues and stipulations were identified using the same method used for the 2005 oil & gas leasing EA. Elko District specialists screened the nominated parcels using data available from our Geographic Information System (GIS) in combination with site visits, reports and current information available from other agencies and sources, such as the Nevada Department of Wildlife. This includes consideration of the most recent list of sensitive species. This data was used as rationale to defer 65 of the nominated parcels from leasing due to resource and other concerns. There are no new circumstances or unusual conditions or concerns for the parcels in the Elko District proposed to be offered in the lease sale that would change the analysis and conclusions for the currently proposed leasing action. The status of the Sage Grouse has changed but, the existing analysis is still valid because the nominated parcels in Priority Sage Grouse habitat have been deferred until the Sage Grouse EIS is completed.

- 4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?**

Yes. Resource concerns and impacts are substantially the same as those addressed in the 2005 EA, and would be mitigated by the lease stipulations as identified for the new proposed action. The 2005 EA included a reasonably foreseeable development scenario that anticipates expected disturbance and impacts from leasing activities. The analysis continues to apply to the impacts of leasing activities for periodic lease sales.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Yes. Preparation of the EISs for the 1985 Wells RMP and 1987 Elko RMP included full participation of the public and a Governor’s consistency review. The 2005 EA was prepared based on scoping and review from the public, other agencies and tribes. Coordination with tribes and the Nevada Department of Wildlife on leasing activities is ongoing.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

NAME	TITLE	AGENCY REPRESENTED
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Mathew Werle	Archeologist (WFO)	BLM
Nycole Burton	Wildlife Biologist	BLM
Victoria Anne	Planning & Environmental Coordinator	BLM
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Note: Refer to the EA for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the existing environmental analysis or planning documents.

Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM’s compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

Project Lead _____
Date

NEPA Coordinator _____
Date

Gary Johnson, Deputy State Director, _____
Minerals Management **Date**

Note: The signed Conclusion on this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM’s internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

March 2013 Oil & Gas Lease Sale

Attachment 1

Parcel List with legal descriptions

General Parcel Location Map

Attachment 2

Table 1 – Lease Stipulations per Parcel

Attachment 3

Elko District Lease Stipulations

March 2013 Oil & Gas Lease Sale
Attachment 1

Elko District Oil and Gas Sale – March 2013

Offered Parcel List

NV-13-03-001 2403.880 Acres

T.0260N, R.0510E, 21 MDM, NV

Sec. 001 LOTS 1-4;
 001 S2N2,S2;
 002 LOTS 1;
 002 SENE,E2SE;
 011 E2;
 012 ALL;

T.0270N, R.0510E, 21 MDM, NV

Sec. 036 ALL;

Eureka County

Elko DO

Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-002 1280.000 Acres

T.0270N, R.0510E, 21 MDM, NV

Sec. 024 ALL;
 025 ALL;

Eureka County

Elko DO

Formerly Lease No.

Stipulations:

Comm Pit

NV-13-03-003 640.000 Acres

T.0300N, R.0510E, 21 MDM, NV

Sec. 036 ALL;

Eureka County

Elko DO

Formerly Lease No.

Stipulations:

Comm Pit

NV-13-03-004 2049.340 Acres

T.0260N, R.0520E, 21 MDM, NV

Sec. 006 LOTS 1-11;
 006 S2NE, SENW, E2SW, SE;
 007 LOTS 1-8;
 007 E2, E2W2;
 018 LOTS 1-8;
 018 E2, E2W2;

Eureka County

Elko DO

Formerly Lease No.

Elko District Oil and Gas Sale – March 2013

Offered Parcel List

NV-13-03-005 1130.770 Acres
T.0280N, R.0520E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 002 LOTS 1-10;
 002 SWNE, SENW, E2SW, W2SE;
 011 LOTS 6, 9, 10;
 011 NWSE;
 012 W2;

Eureka and Elko Counties
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-006 1969.980 Acres
T.0280N, R.0520E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 013 ALL;
 014 LOTS 1-10;
 014 SWNE, N2SW, NWSE;
 023 LOTS 1-5;
 023 SWNE, S2NW;
 024 LOTS 1-6, 9, 10;
 024 SWNE, S2NW, NWSE;

Eureka and Elko Counties
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-007 1600.000 Acres
T.0290N, R.0520E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 014 ALL;
 026 ALL;
 034 W2;

Eureka and Elko Counties
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-008 2282.260 Acres
T.0300N, R.0520E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 004 LOTS 1-4;
 004 S2N2, S2;
 010 ALL;
 016 E2, NENW;
 022 ALL;

Eureka and Elko Counties
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

Elko District Oil and Gas Sale – March 2013

Offered Parcel List

NV-13-03-009 760.000 Acres
T.0300N, R.0520E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 028 N2,NESW,N2SE;
 032 NENE,NWNW,S2NW,SW;
Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.
Stipulations:
Mat Site

NV-13-03-010 640.000 Acres
T.0310N, R.0520E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 034 ALL;
Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-011 1440.000 Acres
T.0300N, R.0540E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 023 E2;
 026 E2,SW;
 035 ALL;
Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-012 1920.000 Acres
T.0270N, R.0550E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 020 ALL;
 029 ALL;
 032 ALL;
Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89834
FORMERLY PARCEL (NO)S. NV-12-03-028
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-013 240.000 Acres
T.0280N, R.0550E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 029 S2NW,SW;
Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

Elko District Oil and Gas Sale – March 2013

Offered Parcel List

NV-13-03-014 1279.480 Acres
T.0300N, R.0550E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 005 LOTS 3,4;
 005 S2NW,SW,S2SE;
 008 N2;
 009 ALL;

Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-019 160.000 Acres
T.0280N, R.0560E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 006 SE;

Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89842
FORMERLY PARCEL (NO)S. NV-12-03-059
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-021 2560.000 Acres
T.0280N, R.0560E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 009 E2SE,SWSE;
 009 N2NE,SWNE,NW,NWSW,SESW;
 010 ALL;
 015 ALL;
 016 N2,N2S2,SESW,S2SE;
 021 NE,NESE;

Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89921
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89843
FORMERLY PARCEL (NO)S. NV-12-03-061
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-026 120.000 Acres
T.0280N, R.0560E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 028 S2SW,SESE;

Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89844
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-027 1925.290 Acres
T.0280N, R.0560E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 029 N2NE,SESW,S2SE;
 030 LOTS 5-17;
 031 LOTS 5-18;
 032 E2,E2W2,SWNW,W2SW;

Elko County
Elko DO

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Offered Parcel List

PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89920
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89844
FORMERLY PARCEL (NO)S. NV-12-03-067
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-031 480.000 Acres
 T.0320N, R.0560E, 21 MDM, NV
 Sec. 036 SWNE,W2,W2SE,SESE;
Elko County
Elko DO

PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89916
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89849
FORMERLY PARCEL (NO)S. NV-12-03-088
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-032 880.000 Acres
 T.0330N, R.0560E, 21 MDM, NV
 Sec. 016 NENE,NWSW,S2S2;
 020 ALL;
Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-033 1914.580 Acres
 T.0330N, R.0560E, 21 MDM, NV
 Sec. 028 ALL;
 030 LOTS 1-4;
 030 E2,E2W2;
 032 ALL;
Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-034 1440.000 Acres
 T.0340N, R.0560E, 21 MDM, NV
 Sec. 024 ALL;
 026 E2;
 034 N2,SE;
Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-036 479.310 Acres
 T.0330N, R.0570E, 21 MDM, NV
 Sec. 002 LOTS 4;
 002 SWNW,W2SW;
 007 LOTS 1,2;

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Offered Parcel List

007 NE, E2NW;
Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-043 2010.450 Acres
T.0350N, R.0580E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 001 LOTS 1-4;
001 S2N2, S2;
002 LOTS 1-4;
002 S2N2, S2;
006 LOTS 1-7;
006 S2NE, SENW, E2SW, SE;
010 NENE;
011 NWSW;

Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-044 40.000 Acres
T.0350N, R.0580E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 008 NWNW;

Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89832
FORMERLY PARCEL (NO)S. NV-12-03-099
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-045 2195.520 Acres
T.0360N, R.0580E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 020 ALL;
028 W2, W2NE;
030 LOTS 1-4;
030 E2, E2W2;
032 N2, W2SW, SESW, E2SE;

Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89841
FORMERLY PARCEL (NO)S. NV-12-03-102
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-058 160.000 Acres
T.0340N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 018 E2NW, W2NE;

Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-059 1206.320 Acres
T.0360N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 004 E2SW, SE;

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Offered Parcel List

008 S2NW, SW, W2SE;
018 LOTS 1-4;
018 E2, E2W2;

Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-061 840.000 Acres
T.0370N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 012 W2W2, SESW;
014 ALL;

Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-062 1359.580 Acres
T.0370N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 020 S2;
030 LOTS 1-4;
030 E2, E2W2;
032 N2, N2SW;

Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-063 1280.000 Acres
T.0370N, R.0590E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 022 ALL;
028 ALL;

Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-064 480.000 Acres
T.0370N, R.0600E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 020 E2, SENW, E2SW;
030 SENE;

Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-065 157.270 Acres
T.0370N, R.0610E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 006 LOTS 4-7;

Elko County
Elko DO
Formerly Lease No.

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NV-13-03-076 48.125 Acres
T.0380N, R.0620E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 032 SWSWNWNWSW;
 032 SWNESWNW, W2SENESWNW;
 032 SESENESWNW, S2NENWSWNW;
 032 S2NWSWNW, S2SWNW;
 032 SWNESWNW, S2NWNESWNW;
 032 N2SWNENWSW, N2SEENWSW;
 032 N2NENWSW, N2NWNWSW;
 032 N2SWNWNWSW, N2SENWNWSW;

Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89837
FORMERLY PARCEL (NO)S. NV-12-03-147
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-100 2557.520 Acres
T.0330N, R.0640E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 001 LOTS 1-4;
 001 S2N2, S2;
 002 LOTS 1-4;
 002 S2N2, S2;
 011 ALL;
 012 ALL;

Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89856
FORMERLY PARCEL (NO)S. NV-12-03-150
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-101 1280.000 Acres
T.0330N, R.0640E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 013 ALL;
 014 ALL;

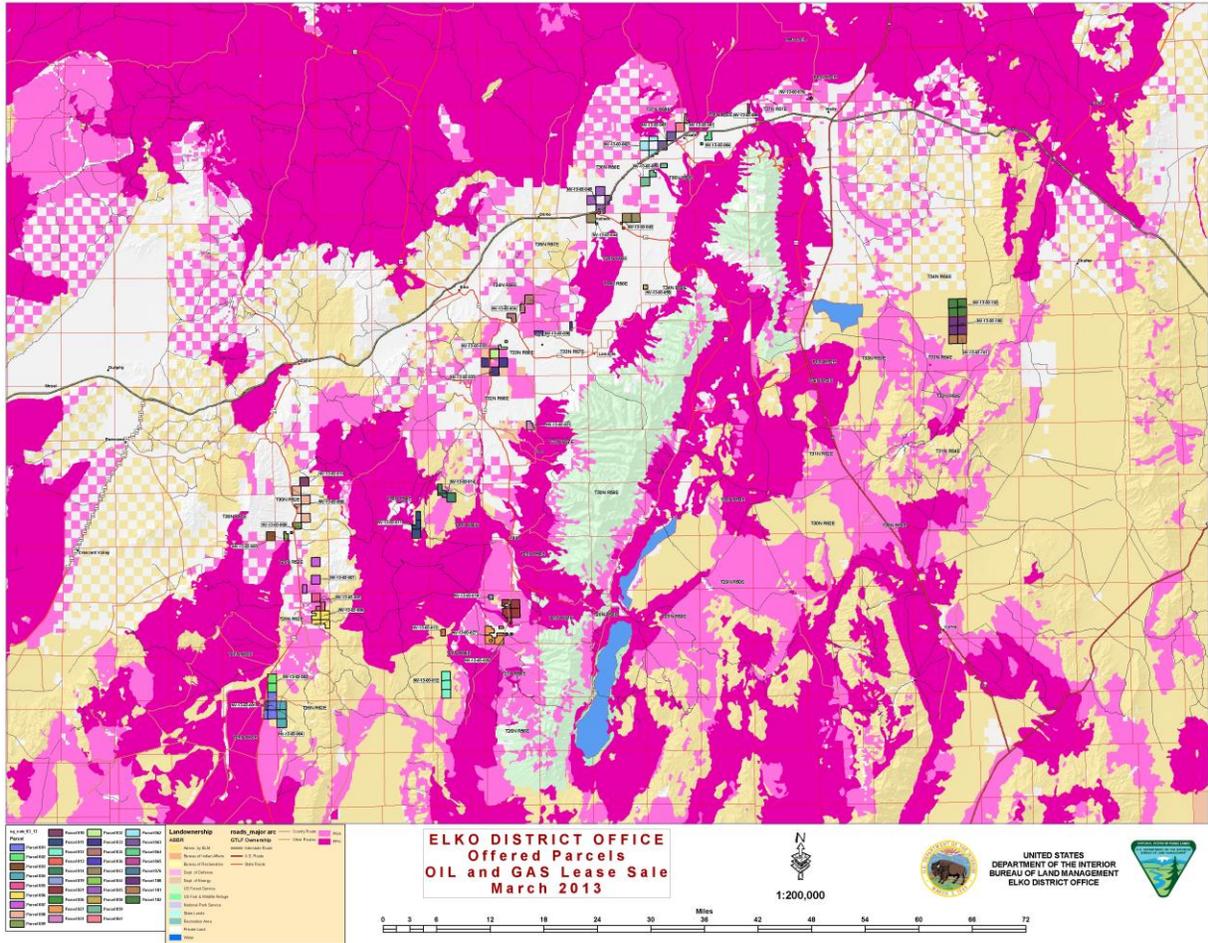
Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89856
FORMERLY PARCEL (NO)S. NV-12-03-151
Formerly Lease No.

NV-13-03-102 2560.000 Acres
T.0340N, R.0640E, 21 MDM, NV
Sec. 025 ALL;
 026 ALL;
 035 ALL;
 036 ALL;

Elko County
Elko DO
PENDING PRESALE OFFER NO. N89856
FORMERLY PARCEL (NO)S. NV-12-03-152
Formerly Lease No.

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Attachment 2

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Attachment 3

Elko District Lease Stipulations

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-01: Threatened, Endangered and Sensitive Species

The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. BLM may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated or proposed critical habitat. BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it complete its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 USC&1531 et seq., including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.

Authority: BLM Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2002-174; Endangered Species Act

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-02: Raptor Nesting Sites

This lease may contain lands with active raptor nesting sites. These lands are subject to seasonal protection from disturbance to avoid displacement and mortality of raptor young. Restrictions apply up to a 0.5 mile radius around the active nesting sites of the following species during the period described. The entire Elko District may provide suitable nesting for one or more of the species listed below.

- A. Golden Eagles and Great Horned Owls during the period 1/1-6/30, inclusive.
- B. Long-eared Owls during the period 2/1-5/15, inclusive.
- C. Prairie Falcons during the period 3/1-6/30, inclusive.
- D. Ferruginous Hawks, Northern Harriers and Barn Owls during the period 3/1-7/31, inclusive.
- E. Goshawk and Sharp-shinned Hawks during the period 3/15-7/15, inclusive.
- F. Cooper's Hawks, Kestrels, and Burrowing Owls during the period 4/1-6/30, inclusive.
- G. Red-tailed and Swainson's Hawk during the period 4/1-7/15, inclusive.
- H. Short-eared Owls during the period 2/1-6/15, inclusive.

Authority/Supporting Documentation: Wells RMP ROD (p. 25); Elko RMP ROD (p. 25), Birds of the Great Basin, 1985; State Director Decision: Horse Canyon Decision, 2005;

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-03: Cultural Resources

This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated.

Authority: BLM Washington Office Instruction Memorandum 2005-03

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-04: Mule Deer Crucial Winter Range

This lease contains lands which have been identified as mule deer crucial winter range (BLM EA 2005/030, September 2005). These lands are subject to seasonal protection from disturbance to avoid displacement and mortality to animals during the winter. Seasonal restrictions from disturbance in mule deer crucial winter ranges apply during the period 11/15-3/16, inclusive.

Authority/Supporting Documentation: Wells RMP ROD (p. 10); Elko RMP ROD (pg. 3); Field Guide to Mammals (1976)

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-05: Pronghorn Antelope Crucial Winter Range

This lease contains lands which have been identified as pronghorn antelope crucial winter range. These lands are subject to seasonal protection from disturbance to avoid displacement and mortality to animals during the winter. Seasonal restrictions from disturbance in pronghorn antelope crucial winter ranges apply during the period 11/15-3/16, inclusive.

Authority/Supporting Documentation: Wells RMP ROD (p. 25); Elko RMP ROD (p. 3); Field Guide to Mammals (1976)

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-06: Pronghorn Antelope Kidding Areas

This lease contains lands which have been identified as pronghorn antelope kidding areas. These lands are subject to seasonal protection from disturbance to avoid displacement and mortality to animals during kidding season. Seasonal restrictions from disturbance in pronghorn antelope kidding areas apply during the period 5/1-6/30, inclusive.

Authority/Supporting Documentation: Elko RMP (pg. 2-6), ROD, Field Guide to Mammals (1976)

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-07: Sage Grouse Strutting Ground (Leks)

This lease contains lands which have been identified as sage grouse strutting grounds (leks) that are subject to seasonal protection from disturbance. No Surface Occupancy is permitted within 0.5 miles, or other, lesser, appropriate distance based on site-specific conditions, of sage grouse leks.

Authority/Supporting Documentation: Wells RMP ROD (p. 10); Elko RMP ROD (p. 35); Management Guidelines for Sage Grouse and Sagebrush Ecosystems in Nevada, 2000; State Director Decision: Horse Canyon Decision, 2005

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-08: Sage Grouse Brood Rearing Areas

This lease contains lands which have been identified as sage grouse brood rearing areas that are subject to seasonal protection from disturbance. Seasonal restrictions from disturbance in sage grouse brood rearing areas apply within 0.5 miles or other appropriate distance based on site-specific conditions from 5/15 to 8/15, inclusive. This restriction does not apply to operating facilities.

Authority/Supporting Documentation: Wells RMP ROD (p. 25); Elko RMP ROD (p. 3 and 36) Management Guidelines for Sage Grouse and Sagebrush Ecosystems in Nevada, 2000, State Director Decision: Horse Canyon Decision, 2005

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-09: Sage Grouse Crucial Winter Habitat

This lease contains lands which have been identified as sage grouse crucial winter habitat that are subject to seasonal protection from disturbance. Seasonal restrictions from disturbance in sage grouse crucial winter habitat apply during the period November 1 to March 15. This stipulation does not apply to operating facilities.

Authority/Supporting Documentation: Wells RMP ROD (p. 22 and 25); Elko RMP ROD; Management Guidelines for Sage Grouse and Sagebrush Ecosystems in Nevada, 2000;

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-10: I-80 “Low Visibility Corridor”

This parcel includes lands within the I-80 Visual Corridor. Visual impacts are to be minimized within 1.5 miles on either side of Interstate 80. Within this three-mile wide Low Visibility Corridor, the objective is for management actions not to be evident in the characteristic landscape. Management objectives for Class II VRM areas will be used as a guideline when evaluating projects within the Low Visibility Corridor. The Class II VRM objective is to retain the existing character of the landscape. The level of change to the characteristic landscape should be low. Management activities may be seen but should not attract the attention of the casual observer. Any changes must repeat the basic elements of form, line, color, and texture found in the predominant natural features of the characteristic landscape.

Authority: Wells RMP ROD (p. 3); Elko RMP ROD (p. 1); Elko Field Office IM NV-2004-013)

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-11: Special Recreation Management Areas

This parcel includes lands within a Special Recreation Management Area (South Fork Canyon SRMA, Wild Horse SRMA, Wilson Reservoir SRMA, South Fork Owyhee River SRMA, Zunino/Jiggs SRMA, or proposed Salmon Falls Creek SRMA) that are within ½ mile of the high water line. No surface occupancy is allowed within ½ mile of the high water line.

Authority: Wells RMP ROD (p. 25); Elko RMP ROD (p. 3)

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-12: Tabor Creek Campground

This parcel includes lands within the Tabor Creek Campground area. No surface occupancy is allowed on lands within the designated boundaries of Tabor Creek Campground: T41N R61E, S1/2 Section 16, S1/2SE1/4 Section 16, E1/2 Section 20, Section 21, NW1/4 Section 28, Section 29.

Authority: Wells RMP ROD (p. 25)

LEASE STIPULATION OG-010-05-13: Congressionally Designated Historic Trails

This parcel includes lands within one mile of the center of Congressionally designated historic trails. Fluid mineral leasing activities within one mile of the center of Congressionally designated historic trails may be limited or modified to protect the historical and scenic values of the trails.

Authority: Nevada BLM Instruction Memorandums 2004-004 and 2004-006

LEASE STIPULATION NSO-010-64: No Surface Occupancy

This stipulation restricts surface occupancy in defined portions of the leased parcels.