

LAND USE PLAN (LUP) AMENDMENT / MAINTENANCE SHEET

Plan Name: Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan
Location: Bureau of Land Management – Vernal Field Office
Program: Appendix K – Surface Stipulations [ACECs and WSR]
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LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES¹

Item	Page	Paragraph	Change Description
2009-04-001	K-7		
River Corridors	Upper Green River	NSO	<p>Line of sight from the centerline, up to ½ mile along both sides of the river from the Little Hole National Forest boundary to the Colorado State <u>line</u> would be managed as NSO.</p> <p>Exception: An exemption would be granted if the disturbance were related to recreational infrastructure support. Additionally, any future facilities would be an exception may be granted if a future Right of Way is placed within the existing ROW corridor – near the head of Little Swallow Canyon where existing pipelines cross the Green River.</p> <p>Modification: None</p> <p>Waiver: None</p>
2009-04-002	K-8		
<u>Special Designations</u>	<u>Lears Canyon ACEC</u>	<u>NSO</u>	<p><u>For oil and gas leasing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Zero acres will be open to leasing subject to the terms and conditions of the standard lease form.</u> • <u>Zero acres will be open to leasing subject to moderate such as TLs and CSU.</u> • <u>1,375 acres will be open to leasing subject to major constraints such as NSO stipulations.</u> • <u>Zero acres will be administratively unavailable for leasing.</u> <p>Exception: None</p> <p>Modification: None</p> <p>Waiver: None</p>
2009-04-003	K-8		
<u>Special Designations</u>	<u>Pariette Wetlands ACEC</u>	<u>NSO</u>	<p><u>For oil and gas leasing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Zero acres will be open to leasing subject to</u>

¹ Page references and paragraph numbering on this LUP Maintenance Sheet correspond to the Vernal ROD / Approved RMP signed on 10/31/2008. Because of the changes made from this and other LUP Maintenance Sheets, pagination and paragraph numbering may not be the same as that found in the current Vernal ROD / Approved RMP reissued in June 2009.

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			<p><u>the terms and conditions of the standard lease form.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Zero acres will be open to leasing subject to moderate constraints such as TLs and CSUs.</u> <u>About 10,437 acres will be open to leasing subject to major constraints such as NSO stipulations.</u> <u>Zero acres will be unavailable for leasing.</u> <p>Exception: <u>None.</u></p> <p>Modification: <u>None.</u></p> <p>Waiver: <u>None.</u></p>
2009-04-004			K-8
Special Designations	Red Creek Watershed ACEC	CSU/NSO/TL	<p>The area will be open to moderate constraints such as timing limitations and controlled surface use and major constraints such as NSO stipulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Approximately 6,899 will be open to leasing subject to the terms and conditions of the standard lease form.</u> <u>Approximately 12,362 acres will be open to leasing subject to moderate constraints such as TLs and CSU.</u> <u>Approximately 162 acres will be open to leasing subject to major constraints such as NSO stipulations.</u> <u>Approximately 5,052 acres will be unavailable for leasing.</u> <p>Exception: <u>None</u></p> <p>Modification: <u>None</u></p> <p>Waiver: <u>None</u></p>
2009-04-005	K-9		

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<p><u>Special Status Species</u> <u>White-tailed Prairie Dog</u></p>	<p><u>The following potential ACEC as described in the Proposed Resource Management Plan. The area consists of the:</u> <u>(1) Coyote Basin Complex (which includes the Coyote Basin, Kennedy Wash, Shiner, and Snake John sub-complexes)</u> <u>(2) Myton Bench Complex</u></p>	<p><u>CSU</u></p>	<p><u>Do not allow surface-disturbing activities within 660 feet of prairie dog colonies identified within prairie dog habitat. No permanent aboveground facilities are allowed within the 660-foot buffer.</u></p> <p><u>Exception: An exception may be granted if the applicant submits a plan that indicates that impacts of the proposed action can be adequately mitigated or, if due to the size of the town, there is no reasonable location to develop a lease and avoid colonies the Field Manager will allow for loss of prairie dog colonies and/or habitat to satisfy terms and conditions of the lease.</u></p> <p><u>Modification: The Field Manager may modify the boundaries of the stipulation area if portions of the area does not include prairie dog habitat or active colonies are found outside the current defined area, as determined by the BLM.</u></p> <p><u>Waiver: May be granted if, in the leasehold, it is determined that habitat no longer exists or has been destroyed.</u></p>
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RATIONALE / JUSTIFICATION

Item 2009-04-001. The stipulation boundaries for the Upper Green River are reworded for clarity. The ‘Exception’ is also reworded for clarity.

Item 2009-04-002. This stipulation is added to protect relict vegetation in the Lears Canyon ACEC. This stipulation is consistent with Management Decision ACEC-5 as found in the ROD / Approved RMP (page 118).

Item 2009-04-003. This stipulation is added to protect special status bird and plant species and habitat, wetlands ecosystem, waterfowl production, and soil in the Pariette Wet Lands ACEC. This stipulation is consistent with Management Decision ACEC-11 as found in the ROD / Approved RMP (page 120).

Item 2009-04-004. The Exception, Waiver, and Modification are added to this stipulation in order to protect the Red Creek watershed and are consistent with Management Decision ACEC-12 as found in the ROD / Approved RMP (page 120).

Item 2009-04-005. Limiting surface-disturbing activities and applying oil and gas leasing with Controlled Surface Use (CSU) will protect habitat for the white-tailed prairie dog. Thus, the Relevant and Important (R&I) values for the potential Coyote Basin ACEC will continue to be protected [See page 40 of the ROD / Approved RMP.]

SIGNATURES

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