

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

<u>Cheatgrass:</u>	Downy Brome <i>Bromus tectorum</i> ; invasive grass species
<u>Ecological Site:</u>	Distinctive kind of land with specific physical characteristics that differs from other kinds of land in its ability to produce a distinctive kind and amount of vegetation.
<u>ESD:</u>	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Ecological Site Description - A site description contains interpretations on the physical, climatic, soil and vegetation conditions. Interpretation of vegetation includes major plant species, production by species, composition, cover and plant community dynamics.
<u>Final Reclamation:</u>	Achieve habitat, forage, and hydrologic function (functions that existed prior to disturbance) including restoration of the original topography or creating topography that approximates and blends in with the surrounding landform. This also involves restoring the natural vegetation community, hydrologic systems, visual resources, agricultural and wildlife habitats.
<u>Forb:</u>	any broad-leaved herbaceous plant that is not a grass, especially one that grows in a prairie or meadow
<u>Grass:</u>	hollow-stemmed green plant: a plant with hollow jointed stems and long narrow, usually green leaves and tiny flowers arranged in spikes.
<u>Interim Reclamation:</u>	Achieve healthy, biologically active topsoil; control erosion; and restore habitat, and forage function on those portions of the disturbed area not needed for production operations for the life of the well or facilities or until final reclamation is initiated.
<u>Litter:</u>	Dead plant material, leaves, sticks, etc.
<u>Noxious Weeds:</u>	Plants that are listed by law to be noxious. Plants such as Musk thistle, Black henbane etc.
<u>Operators:</u>	Oil and Gas Companies/ Lease Holders

Other Weedy species: Both *native* and *non-native* species that heavily colonize a particular habitat.

PAPO: Pinedale Anticline Project Office

Reference Locations: An undisturbed location that the Oil and Gas Operators have designated and reported in detail as a comparable site for evaluation of any given well pad /ROW that shares similar vegetation, soils and precipitation zone.

Sensitive Species: Those species found on public lands, designated by a State Director, which could easily become endangered or extinct in a State. The protection provided for these plants are the same as that provided for candidate species.

Shrub: woody plant with several stems: a woody plant without a trunk but with several stems growing from the base

Undesirables: trash that has been used in construction or has been discarded, such as tires, pipe, screws, cans, bottles, paper, etc.