

# Appendix I. Stipulations and Conditions of Approval in Designated Development Areas and in Non-Designated Development Areas

Conditions of Approval (COAs) and/or stipulations will be applied to surface-disturbing activities related to oil and gas and right-of-way (ROW) actions in the Lander Field Office planning area. Applicable wildlife timing limitation stipulation (TLS), controlled surface use (CSU), and site-specific requirements will be included as COAs/stipulations according to federal regulations and policies.

New oil and gas leases will have applicable wildlife TLS and CSU stipulations applied at the leasing stage. For protection of greater sage-grouse, raptors, and other migratory birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Bureau of Land Management will apply TLS and/or CSU COAs/stipulations for their protection on surface use authorizations within designated development areas (DDAs). The need to apply COAs/stipulations for big game crucial winter range and site-specific requirements in DDAs will be analyzed through the National Environmental Policy Act process. Exceptions to the COAs/stipulations can be requested using the process identified in Appendix E (p. 1483). Emergency and safety situations related to operations and maintenance are exempt from the COAs/stipulations. Notification/reporting to the Authorized Officer for these situations are subject to applicable rules and regulations.

**Table I.1. Activities for Oil and Gas and ROW Operations, and Short-Term Operation and Maintenance Activities Subject to COAs/Stipulations**

Activities	Entire Lander Field Office
All Preliminary Activities and/or Casual Use as Defined by Regulations	COA/stipulation does not apply
All Site Construction	COA/stipulation applies
All Drilling	COA/stipulation applies
All Completion	COA/stipulation applies
All Surface Facilities Installation Activities	COA/stipulation applies
All Pipeline/Flow Line Installation	COA/stipulation applies
Plug and Abandon Wells	COA/stipulation applies
Reclamation	COA/stipulation applies
New Soil-Disturbing Activities	COA/stipulation applies
Short-Term Well and Oil and Gas-related ROW Maintenance and Miscellaneous Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Well pumper</li> <li>● Inspections</li> <li>● Minor facility repair (1-2 Days)</li> <li>● Spill remediation</li> <li>● Haul condensate and produced water</li> <li>● Snow removal</li> <li>● Weed control</li> <li>● Written order/incident of non-compliance remediation</li> <li>● Production sales and measurements</li> </ul>	COA/stipulation does not apply
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Wildlife TLS COAs/stipulations will not apply for long-term maintenance and operation activities within DDAs unless otherwise identified. TLS and site-specific COAs/stipulations will be applied to oil and gas and ROW maintenance and operation activities conducted outside of DDAs where the activity could disturb wildlife during critical times of the year. Identified non-emergency related maintenance and operation activities outside DDAs that could be disruptive to wildlife during the breeding, nesting/birthing, and winter periods would be subject to a TLS COA/stipulation. Table I.2, “Maintenance and Operation Activities for Oil and Gas and ROW Operations Outside DDAs Subject to COAs/Stipulations” (p. 1536), identifies the activities that would be subject to the TLS COA/stipulation.

**Table I.2. Maintenance and Operation Activities for Oil and Gas and ROW Operations Outside DDAs Subject to COAs/Stipulations**

Activities	Designated Development Areas	Outside of Designated Development Areas
Other Well and Oil and Gas-related ROW Maintenance and Miscellaneous Activities* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Replace and install production facilities</li> <li>● Routine road maintenance</li> <li>● Excavate temporary flare and completion pit</li> <li>● Replace pipelines and flowline within lease/unit</li> <li>● Workover/recompletion/downhole maintenance</li> <li>● General routine maintenance activities within lease/unit</li> </ul>	COA/stipulation does not apply	COA/stipulation applies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Removing or replacing utility poles or facilities</li> <li>● General routine maintenance activities</li> <li>● Restringing powerlines</li> <li>● Routine communication site maintenance</li> <li>● Repair/replace pipelines</li> </ul>	COA/stipulation applied on case-by-case basis	COA/stipulation applies
*Operation and maintenance activities described are not related to emergency and safety situations, but are considered routine actions. COAs Conditions of Approval ROW Right-of-way		