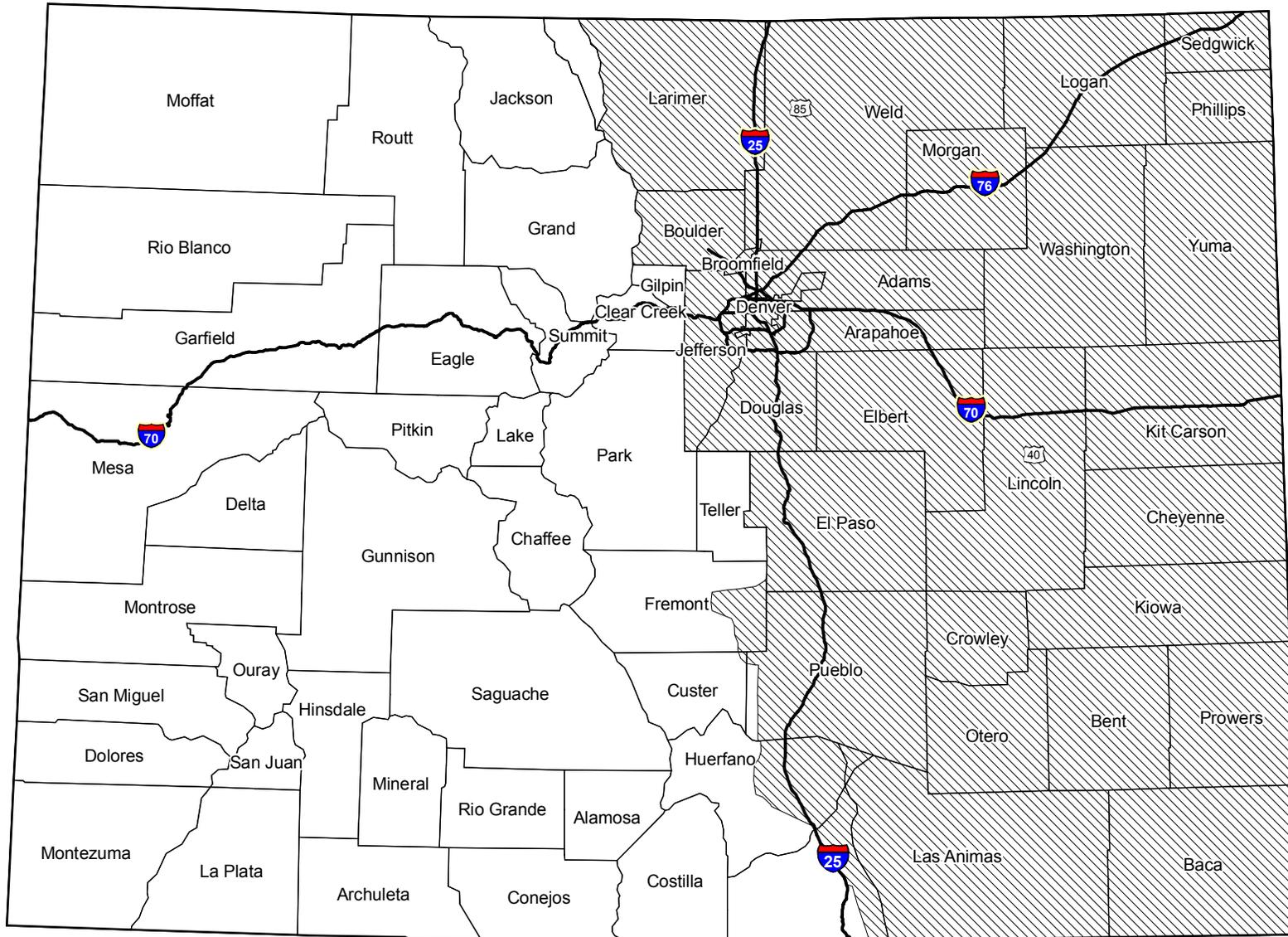


USFWS Block-cleared Areas for Black-Footed Ferret Surveys in Colorado, September 2009



**Approximate Boundary
Block-cleared Areas**



Not to Scale

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), in coordination with the Colorado Division of Wildlife, has block-cleared all black-tailed prairie dog habitat in eastern Colorado, after determining that these areas no longer contain any wild free-ranging black-footed ferrets. Block clearance means that activities within these areas that result in the removal of black-tailed prairie dogs and/or their habitat will no longer be required to meet the USFWS survey guidelines for black-footed ferrets, or undergo consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. This clearance does not include white-tailed and Gunnison's prairie dog habitats that may occur within the mapped block cleared areas. If you have questions on the information presented in this map, or on the requirements for black-footed ferret surveys in white-tailed and Gunnison's prairie dog habitats, please contact the USFWS's Colorado Field Office at 303-236-4773.