

Appendix XY

Stipulation Description for Nesting Habitat Timing Limitation

This stipulation is intended to apply to construction, drilling, fracing and completion activities, but may apply as well to operation, maintenance, and production activities that may disrupt reproductive activities of sage-grouse.

Exception: The Authorized Officer may grant an exception if an environmental analysis and coordination with Colorado Parks and Wildlife indicate that the proposed action could be conditioned so as not to affect breeding behavior, nest attendance, egg/chick survival, or nesting success. An exception could also be granted if the proponent, Bureau of Land Management, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife negotiate compensation that would satisfactorily offset the anticipated loss of nesting habitat or nesting activities. Actions designed to enhance the long term utility or availability of suitable nest habitat may be excepted.

Modification: The Authorized Officer may modify the size or dates of the timing limitation area if an environmental analysis and coordination with Colorado Parks and Wildlife indicates that the proposed action could be conditioned so as not to affect nest attendance, egg/chick survival, or nesting success. Seasonal or daily timeframes may be modified (March 1- May 15) if operations could be conditioned to not disrupt lek attendance, breeding behavior, and bird distribution within 0.6 mile radius of the lek during the breeding period. With the primary objective of allowing for 90% of initial nesting attempts to progress through hatch, timeframes may also be adjusted in nesting habitat as supported by appropriate monitoring data.

Waiver: The Authorized Officer may grant a waiver if Colorado Parks and Wildlife determines that the described lands are incapable of serving the long term requirements of sage-grouse nesting habitat and that these ranges no longer warrant consideration as components of sage-grouse nesting habitat.

Table XY

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Field Office*	Lek Habitat	Nesting/Early Brood-rearing Habitat	Winter Habitat
	No Surface Occupancy	Timing Limitation	Timing Limitation
BLM State-Wide¹	0.6 mile radius of lek	March 1 - July 15 (4 mile radius of lek)	December 1 - March 15
CRV	0.25 mile radius of lek	March 1 - June 30 (2 mile radius of lek)	December 16 - March 15
Grand Junction	None	None	None
Kremmling	0.25 mile radius of active lek	March 1 - June 30 (2 mile radius of lek)	December 16 - March 15
Little Snake	0.6 mile radius of lek	March 1 - June 30 (4 mile radius of lek)	December 16 - March 15
White River	0.25 mile radius of identified lek	April 15 - July 8 (2 mile radius of lek)	December 16 - March 15
Routt NF	None	March 1 - June 30	None

*NSO and timing stipulations are taken out of each Resource Area's existing Resource Management Plans (RMP) including: Glenwood Springs Resource Area RMP, 1984; Grand Junction Resource Area RMP, 1987; Kremmling Resource Area RMP, 1984; Little Snake ROD and Approved RMP, 2011; White River Resource Area RMP, 1997; Routt National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan, 1998.

¹State-wide NSO and timing stipulations developed to provide consistency throughout BLM Field Offices. State-wide developed NSO and timing stipulations can be applied as a Condition of Approval (COA) through project specific analysis.