

Appendix IX Stipulations for Oil and Gas Leasing

The Standard Lease Terms can be modified by special or supplemental stipulations attached to the lease (43 CFR 3101.I-2 through 3101.I4). Additional special stipulations can be developed specifically to meet resource concerns that cannot be mitigated by existing stipulations. The following supplemental stipulations have been developed for the Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Applicable stipulations will be applied as shown on the leasing alternative maps.

The list of stipulations applies to certain resources within the Appeal Settlement Zone. Most are identical to those identified in the 1994 Leasing Decision. Those that have been newly identified as a result of the forest plan revision are shown in italics.

RESOURCE: Elk Calving Areas

Stipulation: Timing Limitation

Objective: To preclude the commencement of surface disturbing activities within the elk calving area that could cause increased stress and/or displacement of animals during the critical time period (May 1 to June 30).

RESOURCE: Elk Winter Range

Stipulation: Timing Limitation

Objective: To preclude the commencement of surface disturbing activities within the elk winter range that could cause increased stress and/or displacement of animals during the critical time period (November 15 to April 30).

RESOURCE: Elk Spring Use Area

Stipulation: Timing Limitation

Objective: To preclude the commencement of surface disturbing activities within the elk Spring use area that could cause increased stress and/or displacement during the critical time period (May 1 to June 30).

RESOURCE: Moose Winter Range

Stipulation: Timing Limitation

Objective: To preclude the commencement of surface disturbing activities within the moose winter range that could cause increased stress and/or displacement of animals during the critical time period (November 15 to April 30).

RESOURCE: Bighorn Sheep Lambing Area

Stipulation: Timing Limitation

Objective: To preclude the commencement of surface disturbing activities within the bighorn sheep lambing area that could cause increased stress and/or displacement of animals during the critical time period (May 1 to June 30).

RESOURCE: Sensitive Wildlife Species

Stipulation: Controlled Surface Use – a survey would be required prior to surface disturbing activities to determine the possible presence of any sensitive wildlife species and operations be designed and/or located so as to not adversely affect the viability of the species. (A Controlled Surface Use stipulation requiring surveys for sensitive wildlife species will be included in all leases since the specific location of sensitive wildlife is not known or can change over time.)

Objective: To ensure that proposed activities do not adversely affect the viability of a wildlife species.

RESOURCE: Sensitive Plants

Stipulation: Controlled Surface Use – a survey would be required prior to surface disturbing activities to determine the possible presence of any sensitive plant species and operations be designed or located so as to not adversely affect the viability of the plant species. (A Controlled Surface Use stipulation requiring surveys for sensitive plant species will be included in all leases since the specific location of sensitive plants is not known or can change over time.)

Objective: To ensure that proposed activities do not adversely affect the viability of a plant species.

RESOURCE: Geologic Hazards and Unstable Soils

Stipulation: Controlled surface Use

Objective: To require that activities be located and or designed to avoid or minimize the potential for adverse effects to unstable areas and to ensure that the area can be reclaimed.

RESOURCE: Slopes >40%

Stipulation: No Surface Occupancy

Objective: To preclude construction of well sites and related facilities such as tank batteries on slopes over 40% that would involve relatively large cut and fill slopes and would be difficult to rehabilitate.

RESOURCE: Riparian Areas >40 acres

Stipulation: No Surface Occupancy

Objective: To preclude surface disturbing activities and protect riparian areas.

RESOURCE: Wetland Areas >40 acres

Stipulation: No Surface Occupancy

Objective: To preclude surface disturbing activities and protect jurisdictional wetlands relative to Executive Order 11990.

RESOURCE: Developed Campgrounds and Trailheads

Stipulation: No Surface Occupancy

Objective: To preclude surface occupancy and new surface disturbing activities within developed recreation sites.

RESOURCE: Administrative Sites and Summer Home Area

Stipulation: No Surface Occupancy

Objective: To preclude surface occupancy and new surface disturbing activities within administrative sites and the Christmas Meadows summer home area.

RESOURCE: Backcountry Recreation (Management Prescription 4.1 in areas of high quality backcountry recreation values)

Stipulation: No Surface Occupancy

Objective: To maintain backcountry non-motorized recreation opportunities in remote and isolated settings with the environment in a near-natural state.

RESOURCE: Backcountry Recreation (Management Prescription 4.1 and 4.2)

Stipulation: Controlled Surface Use – This stipulation would be required in areas where there is a desire to provide nonmotorized recreation opportunities yet allow industry more flexibility in developing oil and gas reserves. Proposed activities would be required to be located and/or screened away from concentrated use areas and trails and important viewpoints. Restoration of any site-disturbing activities is required after operations have ceased.

Objective: To maintain nonmotorized recreation opportunities in remote settings.

RESOURCE: Undeveloped Lands (Management Prescription 2.6)

Stipulation: No Surface Occupancy

Objective: To protect undeveloped landscapes and assure that the unique qualities associated with these areas are recognized and preserved.

RESOURCE: Scenery Management System

Stipulation: Controlled Surface Use – proposed activities would be required to be located and/or designed to meet Naturally Appearing landscape character theme and high scenic integrity objective.

Objective: To maintain the highly valued scenic quality of the area.

RESOURCE: Scenery Management System

Stipulation: Controlled Surface Use – proposed activities would be required to be located and/or designed to meet Naturally Appearing landscape character theme and moderate scenic integrity objective.

Objective: To maintain the highly valued scenic quality of the area.

RESOURCE: Eligible Wild and Scenic River Corridor

Stipulation: Controlled Surface Use – proposed activities would be required to protect identified outstandingly remarkable value(s) until such time the Suitability is determined.

Objective: To maintain identified outstandingly remarkable value(s)