

APPENDIX A: SPECIES SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

These reasonable recommendations are derived from the best available science and represent preferred management actions to protect wildlife and wildlife habitats where oil and gas development is occurring.

RIVER OTTER

- Avoid or limit the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers within the flood plain in occupied river otter habitat.
- Minimize disturbance of riparian vegetation adjacent to waterways (i.e., within 300 feet) of occupied river otter habitat.
- Minimize road development within 300 feet of occupied river otter habitat, especially the creation of new stream or river crossings (bridges) in occupied river otter habitat.
- Establish company guidelines to minimize wildlife mortality from vehicle collisions on roads.
- Provide information on sightings of live or dead river otters for incorporation into the CDOW river otter sightings database. Sighting forms are located at:
<http://wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeSpecies/SpeciesofConcern/Mammals/RiverOtterObservation.htm>.