

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.

PRONGHORN ANTELOPE

- Avoid surface disturbance to and construction activities within pronghorn winter concentration areas west of I-25 from January 1 through March 31.
- Identify critical habitat types and adjust development sites to avoid these areas.
- Gate single-purpose roads to reduce traffic disruptions to wildlife.
- Close and immediately reclaim all roads that are redundant, not used regularly, or have been abandoned to the maximum extent possible to minimize disturbance and habitat fragmentation.
- Limit fence construction in pronghorn habitat. Use CDOW recommended pronghorn fence designs.
- Prior to development, establish baseline vegetation condition and inventory to provide a basis for post-development habitat restoration.
- Avoid aggressive non-native grasses and shrubs in pronghorn habitat restoration.
- Reclaim pronghorn habitats with native shrubs, grasses, and forbs appropriate to the ecological site disturbed.
- Restore appropriate sagebrush species or subspecies on disturbed sagebrush sites. Use locally collected seed for reseeding where possible. Sagebrush is less important in pronghorn reclamation on the eastern plains than it is in western Colorado (west of I-25).