

## 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.*

### LYNX

- Consult with DOW regarding lynx use of the development area.
- Avoid locating facilities within lynx breeding habitat (spruce-fir forest south of Interstate 70 above 9,000 feet in elevation and with slopes greater than 25%).
- Prior to development, establish baseline vegetation condition and inventory and to provide a basis for post-development habitat restoration.
- Identify, avoid, and protect vegetation used by snowshoe hare.
- Apply stipulations during programmatic planning stage for oil and gas that limit occupancy, control surface use or control timing of activities in lynx habitats.
- On projects where over-the-snow access is required, restrict use to designated routes.
- Minimize snow compaction when authorizing and monitoring developments.
- Utilize remote monitoring of sites that are located in lynx habitat, to reduce disturbance from well visitation.
- Restrict public access on single purpose roads during project activities.
- 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.
- Report all lynx sightings to DOW.
- Establish company guidelines to minimize wildlife mortality from vehicle collisions on roads.
- Minimize traffic in occupied lynx habitat between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Reclaim newly constructed pipelines immediately following construction and do not allow any motorized vehicles access to pipeline (i.e., install barriers, boulders etc).
- Encourage developers to pipe produced water to a central site for transport, in order to reduce truck traffic to each well pad site.
- Minimize upgrading of roads used to access oil/gas developments or transmission pipelines in lynx habitat or linkage areas.
- Develop a reclamation plan (e.g. road reclamation and vegetation rehabilitation) for abandoned well sites to restore suitable habitat for lynx.