

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.

BLACK BEAR

- Identify, avoid and protect climax mast producing vegetation that annually provides a significant source of fall forage for black bear, especially those areas that can be identified as being consistently frost-free and that provide mast when unfavorable conditions exist elsewhere.
- Initiate a food and waste/refuse management program that uses bear-proof food storage containers and trash receptacles.
- Initiate an education program that reduces bear conflicts.
- Establish policy to prohibit keeping food and trash in sleeping quarters.
- Establish policy to support enforcement of state prohibition on feeding of black bear.
- Report bear conflicts immediately to CDOW.