

## **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.*

### **PRAIRIE DOGS (White-Tailed & Gunnison's)**

- Survey for active and inactive prairie dog colonies within development areas prior to development.
- Avoid construction on or in prairie dog colonies wherever possible.
- Where oil and gas activities must occur on or in white-tailed or Gunnison's prairie dog colonies, conduct these activities outside the period between March 1 and June 15.
- Avoid surface facility density in excess of 10 well pads per 10-square mile area (one well pad per section) in White-tailed and Gunnison's Prairie Dog Management Emphasis Areas that will be described in the Colorado Statewide Implementation Plan for the species.
- When surface density of oil and gas facilities exceeds 1 well pad/section, initiate a Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) that includes recommendations for off-site and compensatory mitigation actions.
- Manage oil and gas activities within prairie dog colonies to minimize impacts to attributes that maintain the functional integrity of the prairie dog colony (e.g., vegetation, soils, burrow systems, etc.).
- Minimize road development and close roads to recreational use.
- Promptly reclaim disturbed areas within prairie dog colonies with native grasses and forbs appropriate to the ecological site.
- Aggressively control non-native and invasive weeds, particularly cheatgrass, in reclamation areas within prairie dog habitat.
- Install raptor perch deterrents on equipment, fences, cross arms and pole tops in prairie dog habitat.