

## **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.*

### **BIGHORN SHEEP**

- Consult with CDOW regarding big game seasonal restrictions on wintering or production areas.
- Avoid surface disturbance and construction activities on or within any bighorn sheep production or wintering areas.
- Where oil and gas activities must occur in bighorn sheep production areas, avoid conducting these activities from April 15 to June 30 for Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep and from February 28 to May 1 for Desert Bighorn Sheep.
- Where oil and gas activities must occur in bighorn sheep winter range, avoid conducting these activities from November 1 through April 15.
- Avoid low elevation (below 500 feet altitude) helicopter overflights within 1 mile radius of bighorn sheep winter range between November 1 and April 15.
- Avoid low elevation (below 500 feet altitude) helicopter overflights within 1 mile radius of bighorn sheep production areas from April 15 to June 30 for Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep and from February 28 to May 1 for Desert Bighorn Sheep.
- Avoid surface facility density in excess of 10 well pads per 10-square mile area (one well pad per section) in bighorn sheep winter range and production areas.
- 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.
- 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.
- Identify critical habitat types and adjust development sites to avoid these areas.
- Restrict post-development well site visitations to the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and reduce well site visitations during winter months.