

APPENDIX B

Raptor/Greater Sage Grouse and Big Game Exception Criteria

Criteria to Consider for Exceptions to Seasonal Restrictions for Raptors/Sage Grouse

REQUESTER: _____		DATE OF REQUEST: _____
PROJECT NAME: _____		
REQUESTED DATE(S) OF EXCEPTION: _____		
ACTIVITY PROPOSED: _____		
LAST DATE OF FIELD EXAM: _____		
GIS/ARCVIEW MAP REVIEWED: <u>YES</u> <u>NO</u>		
General Considerations - Requests for Exceptions		Comments
Are factors leading to inclusion of the sage grouse/raptor seasonal restriction still valid?		
What action is the request for an exception for?		
Dates of the proposed exception?		
Criteria for Lek or Nesting Habitat/Location/Topography		Comments
Birds and type	present or absent	
Wintering Areas	yes, no	
Nest or lek location		
Topographical features		
Nest or Lek Active	yes, no, unknown	
Nest chronology of species		
Timing		Comments
Early or late in breeding/nesting season		
Kind of and length of disruptive activity		

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Based on the above analysis, I recommend the exception be:

Approved: _____

Denied: _____

Wildlife Biologist

Date: _____

The exception is: Approved: _____

Denied: _____

Authorized Officer

Date: _____

Criteria to Consider for Big Game Exceptions to Seasonal Restrictions

REQUESTER: _____ DATE OF REQUEST: _____		
PROJECT NAME: _____		
REQUESTED DATE(S) OF EXCEPTION: _____		
ACTIVITY PROPOSED: _____		
LAST DATE OF FIELD EXAM: _____ GIS/ARCVIEW MAP REVIEWED: <u>YES</u> <u>NO</u>		
General Considerations - Requests for Exceptions		
		Comments
Are factors leading to inclusion of the wildlife restriction still valid?		
What action is the request for an exception for?		
Dates of the proposed exception?		
Criteria for Winter Ranges		Comments
Animal	present or absent	
Animal Condition	good, fair, poor	
Weather Severity		Comments
Snow Conditions	depth, crusting, longevity	
Weather patterns		
Wind chill factors (indication of animal energy use)		
Air temperatures/ variation		
Duration of condition		
Short and long range forecast		
Habitat Condition		Comments
Animal density	low or high	
Forage condition	good or poor	
Forage Availability	yes or no	
Competition with livestock or other wildlife		
Amount of forage - Has livestock use decreased forage		

General Considerations - Requests for Exceptions		
Habitat Condition		Comments
Suitable/ample forage available and accessible nearby	yes or no	
Site Location		Comments
Likelihood of animal habituating to activity	yes or no	
Presence of thermal, wind cover		
Proportion of winter range affected (ac or %)		
Where site is located within the winter range		
Other activity and effect on the animals		
Timing		Comments
Early or late in winter season		
Kind of and length of disruptive activity		
How much winter is remaining		

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Based on the above analysis, I recommend the exception be:

Approved: _____

Denied: _____

Wildlife Biologist

Date: _____

The exception is: Approved: _____

Denied: _____

Authorized Officer

Date: _____