

PRAIRIE CHICKENS

No surface use is allowed during the following time periods; unless otherwise specified, this stipulation does not apply to operation and maintenance of production facilities.

On the lands described below:

Sec. 30, T18S, R31E

For the purpose of: Protecting Prairie Chickens:

Drilling for oil and gas, and 3-D geophysical exploration operations will not be allowed in Lesser Prairie Chicken Habitat during the period of March 15 through June 15, each year. During that period, other activities that produce noise or involve human activity, such as the maintenance of oil and gas facilities, geophysical exploration other than 3-D operations, and pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The 3:00a.m. and 9:00a.m. restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during the period. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks known at the time of permitting. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. Exhaust noise from pump jack engines must be muffled or otherwise controlled so as not to exceed 75 db measured at 30 feet from the source of the noise. Exceptions to these requirements will be considered for areas of no or low prairie chicken booming activity, or unoccupied habitat, including leks, as determined at the time of permitting, or in emergency situations.