

Wayne National Forest

Oil and Gas Resource Management Process

Table 8b

**Explanation of New Stipulations & Notifications
Recommended in the Analysis of the 63 Tracts considered for Lease Sale.**

Stipulation #	Stipulation Text
A:2e	(No Surface Occupancy) No surface occupancy within 100 feet of cliff faces or rock shelters to protect habitat for northern monkhood, as well as, other locally sensitive species.
A:2gii	(No Surface Occupancy) within riparian areas, including those associated with ponds, lakes, wetlands, ephemeral, intermittent, and perennial streams. The width of the riparian area is delineated by the greater of these two variables: (1) the extent of the 50-year floodplain from the edge of the aquatic ecosystem; or (2) the length of a mature site-potential tree from the edge of the aquatic ecosystem (100 feet). (Follow filterstrip guidance on Forest Plan pages 4-31 to 4-35 to determine width of filterstrip to use for protection of riparian area – this distance should start at the edge of the riparian area not the stream channel).
A:3	(No Surface Occupancy) No surface occupancy in forest openings.
A:4b	(No Surface Occupancy) No surface occupancy on slopes in excess of 55% to protect soil and water from erosion and mass failure hazards because of steep slopes.
A:5h	No surface occupancy.
B:5h(i)	(Controlled Surface Use) No cutting of snags (dead trees) at all, and no cutting of shagbark and shellbark hickories, and trees that are hollow, have major splits or broken tops, except during the bat hibernation season (September 15 to April 15). Such trees which are safety hazards may be cut anytime, but if cut in the nonhibernation season the Forest Service must be notified in advance and a tally kept to ensure the total number on the Wayne does not exceed 125 trees before September 2006. All of this stipulation applies only to trees over six inches in diameter.
B5(h)(ii) Timing	At the site-specific step of the leasing process, a Forest Service biologist shall determine the need for any timing-related stipulation for vegetation removal during the cerulean warbler breeding season (generally April through July).

C:h(i)	(Controlled Surface Use) Olympia Marble Habitat: Oil and gas activities will be subject to occupancy restriction on ridgetops where Olympia marbles could possibly occur.
C:h(ii)	(Controlled Surface Use) Timber Rattlesnake Habitat: Oil and gas activities will be allowed on tracts with rock outcrops where timber rattlesnakes could possibly occur, on a case-by-case basis and with appropriate mitigation measures.
C:h(iii)	(Controlled Surface Use) Supercanopy Trees: Protect all supercanopy trees or other identified congregation roost trees for bald eagles along major river corridors (BO, page 42).
C:h(iv)	(Controlled Surface Use) New road construction and maintenance shall be planned so that the least amount of ground disturbance is involved.
C:7j(i)	(Controlled Surface Use) Oil and gas activities will be allowed on slopes between 35%-55% on a case-by-case basis, with appropriate mitigation.
C8	Potential Old Growth: The lease holder and Forest Service inspector shall work together to identify locations for development and production facilities in order to protect the structural integrity of potential old growth found on a portion of the tract.