

APPENDIX B

**DEFINITIONS OF ACRONYMS USED IN RCP
AND
DESCRIPTION OF “RESPONSIBLE PARTIES” LISTED IN CONSERVATION
STRATEGY**

Table 1. Definitions of acronyms used in RCP and responsible groups listed in the Conservation Strategy.

Acronym or Responsible Group	Definition
AIC	Akaike Information Criterion
AICc	corrected AIC
APD	application for permit to drill
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA)
ASAP	as soon as possible
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BMP	best management practices
C.I.	confidence interval
CACP	Crawford Area Conservation Plan
CBSG	Conservation Breeding Specialist Group
CCAA	Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances
CCAA Cooperators	Includes the CDOW, USFWS, and non-federal land owners that have signed onto the Umbrella Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances, through a Certificate of Inclusion.
CDOW	Colorado Division of Wildlife
CMC	Colorado Mosquito Control Company
CNHP	Colorado Natural Heritage Program
COGCC	Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
County and State Health Departments	Specific county and state departments that deal with disease issues.
County Government(s)	Includes several aspects of county governments, such as land use planning, pest control agents, weed control, and county commissioners.
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
CSA	conservation study area
CSCP	Colorado Species Conservation Partnership
CSU	Colorado State University
CVCP	Colorado Vegetation Classification Project
DCCP	Dove Creek Conservation Plan
Denver University	This refers specifically to the genetics lab at the Denver University where most of the GUSG genetic work has been conducted.
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
EQIP	Environmental Quality Incentives Program
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FLMPA	Federal Land Management Policy Act
FRP	Federal Recovery Plan
FSA	Farm Service Agency (USDA)
FSM	Forest Service Manual

Acronym or Responsible Group	Definition
GBCP	Gunnison Basin Conservation Plan
GIS	geographic information system
GOCO	Great Outdoors Colorado
GRSG	greater sage-grouse
GUSG	Gunnison sage-grouse
Local Work Group(s)	Includes the local working groups for GUSG: Crawford, Dove Creek, Gunnison Basin, Piñon Mesa, Poncha Pass, San Miguel, and San Juan County, Utah.
LUP	Land Use Plans
MOU	Memorandum(a) of Understanding
mtDNA	mitochondrial DNA
National Wildlife Research Center	National Wildlife Research Center (USDA)
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NGO	Non-governmental agencies, including local land trusts (e.g., Mesa County Land Trust, Gunnison County Agricultural land trust, San Miguel Open Space), The Nature Conservancy, and other non-profit groups.
NPS	National Park Service (USDI)
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA)
NSO	no surface occupancy
O&G	oil and gas
Oil and Gas Companies	Includes all Oil and Gas Companies that currently operate or will potentially operate within the range of GUSG.
Other Research Institutions	Includes non-CDOW, UDWR research entities such as USDA, USGS, and Universities.
PECE	(Proposed) Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts
PMCP	Piñon Mesa Conservation Plan
PPCP	Poncha Pass Conservation Plan
Private Landowners	non-public landowners/managers
PVA	population viability analysis
RCP	rangewide conservation plan
RFP	request for proposal
RSC	Rangewide steering committee: an interagency committee overseeing this plan and its implementation. Includes representation from: BLM, CDOW, NPS, NRCS, UDWR, USFS, USFWS.
SCD	Soil Conservation Districts
Secret Canyon Homeowners Association	A specific development area in crucial habitat for GUSG, Dove Creek subpopulation.
SERGoM v1	Spatially Explicit Regional Growth Model

Acronym or Responsible Group	Definition
SJCCP	San Juan County Conservation Plan
SMBCP	San Miguel Basin Conservation Plan
SMP	suggested management practices
STL	School Trust Lands: includes Colorado State Land Board and Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
SWA	State Wildlife Area
TBD	to be determined
UDOGM	Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
UDWR	Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
University Extensions	Includes Colorado State University and Utah State University Extensions, and potentially other University Extensions
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USDI	United States Department of Interior
USFS	U. S. Forest Service (USDA)
USFWS	U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USDI)
USGS	U. S. Geological Survey
USU	Utah State University
Utility Companies	Includes local Rural Electric Associations, Excel Energy, and all other utility companies within the range of GUSG
WAFWA	Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
WHIP	Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
WNV	West Nile virus
WRIS	Wildlife Resource Information System
WRP	Wetlands Reserve Program
WSC	Western State College