



## Guiding Policy

### Energy Policy Act (Section 363(b)(3)(c):

*“Ensure that lease stipulations are – (3) only as restrictive as necessary to protect the resource for which the stipulations are applied”*

### Stipulation:

A provision that modifies standard lease rights and is attached to and made part of the lease.

## Decision to be Made

### The Forest Supervisor will decide which areas will be:

- 1) Open to development subject to standard lease terms and conditions; and
- 2) Open to development but subject to constraints that will require the use of lease stipulations, and under what conditions the Forest Service will authorize the BLM to modify, waive, or grant an exception to a stipulation.
- 3) In accordance with 36 CFR 228.102, the Forest Supervisor will consider alternatives to the proposal, including not allowing leasing. **The decision to lease specific lands is not part of the decision to be made.**