

A REVIEW OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT IN MONTANA; THE HOW, WHAT AND WHY

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Energy development may result in significant changes to Montana's landscape, especially on the plains of eastern and central Montana. This has resulted in questions as to the impact of these energy related activities on Montana's wildlife resources. To answer this question, we must first understand how much activity is currently permitted, what stipulations are attached to leases and how are Best Management Practices applied. In addition, through the Energy Act of 2005, pilot offices were established including one office in Montana (Miles City). What does it all mean?