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Thank you for reviewing the Pygmy Rabbit Habitat Enhancement project and your shared interest in the health of the shrub-steppe. We will avoid all vehicular disturbance, heavy equipment or otherwise, in the areas identified as occupied by Sandbergia perplex [Halimolobos perplexa var perplexus]. Our mowing will only occur on frozen and/or snow-covered ground to limit any soil disturbances. Heavy equipment that will support prescription burn activities are limited to drive only on the internal roads or existing firebreaks that seasonally serve as non-public roads. Additionally, all our land management practices on this project will be paired with intensive weed management and native grass seeding where warranted. Our goal is to protect this habitat for the near and long term by limiting annual grass establishment. If you should desire more information regarding our approach, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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