

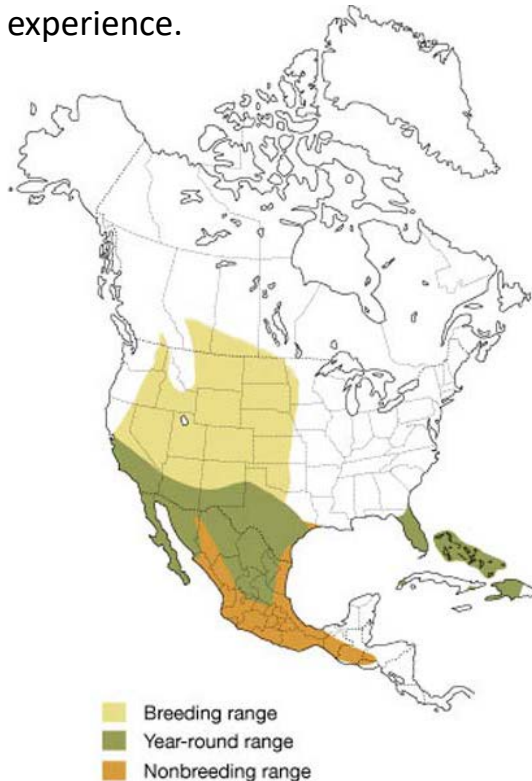
# BURROWING OWL – HABITAT MANAGEMENT AND PASSIVE RELOCATION

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**Burrowing Owl**  
(*Athene cunicularia*)

### Conservation Status:

- Federally protected under Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- USFWS Bird of Conservation Concern
- Threatened in **Colorado**
- Species of Concern in Arizona, California, Florida, **Montana**, Oklahoma, Oregon, Utah, **Wyoming**

### Seasonal Timing Restrictions:

- No Surface Occupancy within 0.25 mile of nest/burrow
- Seasonal Activity buffer of 0.25 mile from nest/burrow March 15 - October 31
- No Surface Occupancy within 150ft of nest/burrow
- Seasonal Activity buffer of 150ft of nest/burrow
- No Human Encroachment or Surface Disturbance within 300ft of nest/burrow



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## A Successful Approach to Relocating Burrowing Owls

*Conduct initial Burrowing Owls survey.*

*Confirm active Burrowing Owls location within Prairie Dog Town*

### 3 OPTIONS (typically):

1. Development waits until after November 1<sup>st</sup> or until it can be confirmed that the owls have left the PDOG town.
2. Locate, mark, and monitor active owl burrows - **No activity within 150-300 feet.**
3. Relocate owls to artificial burrows outside the restricted area and continue development.



### RELOCATION OPTION:

- \*All activities will cease if eggs or young are found in burrows
- \*No physical contact or possession of adults, young, or eggs will occur
- \*All structures will be immediately removed if any owls become entangled or otherwise harmed in any of the structures



### PROCEDURE:

- Verify no eggs or owlets present
- Construct artificial burrows
- Set passive displacement traps in existing burrows
- Monitor artificial burrows
- Submit report/documentation to agencies

