



School and Public Lands

Brock L. Greenfield, State Land Commissioner

September 23, 2024

Rocky Mountain Regional Office
Attn: Reviewing Officer
c/o Strategic Planning
P.O. Box 18980, Golden, CO 80402

Re: Nebraska National Forest Undesirable Plant Management Project Record of Decision and Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Sir/Madam:

By way of introduction, I am the South Dakota Commissioner of School and Public Lands. My office is charged with the management of those Trust Lands owned by the State of South Dakota. State Trust Land sections are largely leased to agricultural producers to generate revenue for the education of South Dakota's youth.

With that said, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) are designed to assure that state land management agencies are informed of—and our plans are coordinated with—forest management planning. Our Office of School and Public Lands was not informed of, nor coordinated with, concerning the recent Undesirable Plant Management Project Record of Decision (ROD) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), in spite of the fact that many state-owned sections managed by my office are actually fenced into Forest Service Grazing Allotments impacted by the ROD and EIS.

For these reasons, the South Dakota Commissioner of School and Public Lands respectfully requests that the United States Forest Service coordinate with this Office prior to finalization of the ROD and EIS.

Sincerely,

Brock L. Greenfield
Commissioner—SD Office of School and Public Lands