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Comments: While ranchers are grazing their livestock on our public lands for free, degrading the environment and contributing to climate change, it is unconscionable to suggest that a naturally occurring species - the prairie dog - can not even exist on 10% of the grasslands. I am truly shocked and disgusted that once again, the wildlife and health of the ecosystem take a backseat to subsidized ranching getting another handout. These animals are crucial to their ecosystem - their existence positively affects over 100 other species, not to mention that they are the only food for the black-footed ferret, which is itself endangered of extinction. When does common sense come into play when "managing" our precious wildlife? The prairie dogs BELONG on that land. It is wrong to slaughter them, they do not pose a plague risk, and they have a right to exist exactly where they are. SHAME on the NFS for stating otherwise.