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Comments: I understand that the U.S. Forest Service is considering a proposal that would allow prairie dogs to be shot and poisoned in the Thunder Basin National Grassland in Wyoming. The prairie dog is a keystone species. These inquisitive, family-oriented animals create a distinctive environment that offers sustenance and shelter to at least 158 other species, including the endangered black-footed ferret and the swift fox. Furthermore, no animal, regardless of species or circumstance, should be forced to endure a cruel death under the misnomer of ecosystem "management."

Prairie dogs occupy only a tiny percentage of their historic range. Please scrap the misguided plan to kill them!