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Comments: As a 55+ year resident of Wyoming, I urge you to continue fully protecting Thunder Basin Grassland. I grew up in Newcastle and was witness to a time when a fun day out included shooting prairie dogs. Thunder Basin is the only grassland that remains free from prairie dog poisoning and shooting - a safe-haven for prairie dogs. Thankfully, my family and friends that decades ago were shooting prairie dogs no longer practice that barbaric sport, yet there are still others.

Besides being blessed to grow up in Wyoming, a land of free and wild animals, I also had the privilege of working with the endangered black-footed ferret at the captive breeding program in Sybille Canyon. Thunder Basin National Grassland is regarded as a critical site for long-term ferret recovery. Please do not undermine past compromise, common sense, federal law, and the wildlife and health of our public lands with this plan amendment process!

I implore you, please don't destroy this vulnerable ecosystem by allowing more prairie dog poisoning and shooting!