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Comments: Dear Supervisor Bacon:

On behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity, I write to submit comments on the Thunder Basin National Grassland proposed management plan amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Center for Biological Diversity is a national, nonprofit conservation organization with more than 1.6 million members and online activists, including thousands of members in Wyoming. The Center is dedicated to the protection of endangered species, including the black-footed ferret.

The Forest Service should not adopt the Proposed Action or any of the current action alternatives. The proposed amendment harms black-tailed prairie dogs, a keystone species of the Great Plains grasslands.

Many wildlife species depend on the prairie dogs, including the black-footed ferret, a federally endangered species. The Endangered Species Act requires that the Forest Service conserve the black-footed ferret.

Please rethink this ecologically-harmful proposal and propose an action alternative that seeks to conserve Thunder Basin's precious wildlife.