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Comments: I strongly oppose the USFS killing prairie dogs and other wildlife on our public lands. There is no justification for the Federal Government to kill wildlife for private property interests. The Forest Service has failed to consider not killing prairie dogs as an alternative action. The proposed four plan amendments all increase the killing of a native species in order to accommodate the use of our public lands by non-native livestock.

- + The EA failed to provide scientific and/or ecological rational supporting why Prairie dogs, a native species, should be poisoned, shot or killed on Forest Service lands.
- + The EA failed to address that Prairie dogs are an essential component of the a thriving ecology and killing these native wildlife would destroy the natural balance of the eco-system.
- + By killing native species in order to accommodate non-native species, the Forest Service is acting outside of its mission to "To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations." The EA failed to address this important issue.

If livestock use of public lands cannot co-exist with the naturally occurring native wildlife on the Thunder Basin, all livestock must be removed, and replaced with free-roaming bison.

Prairie dogs must be restored to their natural densities and historic range.

"Management" of prairie dogs should be limited to nonlethal translocation of prairie dogs to repopulated areas where their population densities are low, and a blanket authorization should be granted to dust for flea control in areas where fleas carry sylvatic plague, which decimates prairie dog populations.

The Black-Footed Ferret Reintroduction Area must be fully restored and protected to support ferret reintroduction on the Thunder Basin.

As a user of our public lands, I enjoy and value prairie dogs and strongly oppose the killing of this native species to accommodate non-native livestock. I would suffer harm, from the loss of enjoyment of my public lands, if this kill proposal is implemented.