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Comments: if livestock is allowed at all on public lands, the killing of native wildlife cannot accompany it! If the livestock industry cannot coexist with native wildlife on the Thunder Basin, all livestock must be removed, and replaced with free-roaming bison.

Prairie dogs are ESSENTIAL for grassland ecosystems ~ without them, those ecosystems COLLAPSE, and numerous rare species, including burrowing owls, ferruginous hawks, swift foxes, and mountain plovers, begin to disappear. Black-tailed prairie dogs are a Sensitive Species designated for enhanced conservation by the Forest Service, and, thanks to a systematic program of extermination by the livestock industry, are down to only 0.01% of their historic range in Wyoming. The black-footed ferret, one of America's most endangered land mammals, absolutely requires active prairie dog towns for their habitat and as their food source.