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Comments: Please consider the following comments:

I am opposed to all four of the proposed plan amendments because they will increase the number of prairie dogs that are killed for the convenience of ranchers. Prairie dogs are a Sensitive Species that must not be poisoned or shot anywhere on Forest Service lands.

Prairie dogs are very important to me as native wildlife. The Forest Service has no business killing or preventing prairie dogs from accessing their native habitats, either on or off National Grasslands. 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 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. Also, the Black-Footed Ferret Reintroduction Area must be fully restored and protected to support ferret reintroduction on the Thunder Basin.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.