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Comments: Although I live in Montana I am very interested and concerned about the welfare of our native species, especially sensitive species. I believe that the number one priority of any National Forest should be the protection and enhancement of wildlife habitat. If other land uses, such as timber harvest or grazing, cannot be done while enhancing habitat then it should not be allowed. Therefore, please include these points in your scoping record:

Prairie dogs are a Sensitive Species that must not be poisoned or shot anywhere on Forest Service lands.

Prairie dogs and the other species they support are important to me, personally, as native wildlife, and are far more important than non-native livestock.

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.

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

Thank you for considering these comments in your decision.