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Comments: I am asking the the Forest Service reconsider the amendment to the prairie dog plan that would abolish the Ferret Reintroduction Area and allow prairie dog shooting throughout the Thunder Basin.

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

I'm particularly concerned about the Black-Footed Ferret Reintroduction Area. Black footed Ferrets are one of the most endangered mammals in the world, and their diet consists almost entirely of prairie dogs. They NEED prairie dogs to survive and thrive! The Black-Footed Ferret Reintroduction Area must be fully restored and protected to support ferret reintroduction on the Thunder Basin.

Please put the needs of the native wildlife before the commercial interests of agricultural companies.

Thank you.