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Comments: Prairie dogs are a very sensitive species absolutely must NOT be poisoned or shot anywhere on Forest Service lands. Prairie dogs are important to me because they represent native wildlife. Livestock, on the other hand, are far from native. 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. Prairie dogs must be restored to their natural densities and historic range. "Management", frankly, is not necessary. If you feel the desire to remove them for whatever reason from what we know is their native habitat, only 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 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.