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Comments: I oppose any DEIS alternative that would weaken existing plan decisions, standards, or guidelines for protecting prairie dogs. Prairie dogs have been extirpated over much of their historic range. They are a "keystone" species in terms of providing burrows and food for a wide range of other native species. When they are extirpated, it significantly adversely affects the diversity and abundance of many other species. These are federal lands that belong to me and all other Americans. Please follow the law, best available science, and make decisions that ensure the ecological health and diversity of these lands in the national interest. Please do not be bullied into weakening needed protections by the livestock industry. You work for all Americans, not just the local ranchers. Thank you very much for your consideration.