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Comments: Prairie dogs are a Keystone Species and many other animals depend on them. Two of these animals are the highly endangered burrowing owl and the highly endangered black footed ferret.

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. And definitely not on OUR PUBLIC lands!

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.

PLEASE, the only place Prairie dogs exist are in North America and humans have done a great job killing the majority of them. They were already on the endangered species list and if we don't protect them they will be endangered again, or we may even lose them, that could happen way quicker than we think! Please let's protect them now before it is too late!