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Comments: USFWS primary mission is to protect and recover species listed on the Endangered Species List.

Foremost concern in the National grasslands is the Dakota skipper. New populations are discovered throughout the grasslands annually with continued survey efforts. Roads in areas of designated critical habitat and large areas of suitable Dakota skipper habitat should be regulated especially during the flight season (June 10- July 25). Speeds could be reduced to minimize dust. Access could also be limited in these areas during this timeframe. We would look forward to additional consultation during the NEPA process on Dakota skipper butterflies and other species listed under ESA, along with additional species being considered to be added to the ESA.