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Comments: To Dakota Prairie Grasslands Management Plan Team: I am a life-long enthusiast of North Dakota's Badlands and the associated Grasslands. I am also a member of Badlands Conservation Alliance.

I have camped and hiked miles and miles in the areas over the decades. Things have changed so dramatically over that time, with road development, oil and gas development, including flaring, pipelines, truck and rig transport, noise and light pollution, etc. --so many encroachments and injuries inflicted upon this unique, wonderful, beautiful habitat that are diminishing the very qualities that "soothe the human soul" and provide a nurturing and necessary habitat for a great variety of wildlife. That less than 25,000 acres, from an original 500,000 acres a mere four decades ago, now qualify as "suitable for wilderness" designation is distressing and saddening. I advocate that no additional roads are created in the Little Missouri National Grasslands; motorized access to the area is restricted to designated roads; roads that are not necessary for access to and into this area should be closed; and focus is on the long-term protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat, and the preservation of this beautiful iconic landscape for generations to come.