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Comments: The Pennington County Weed & Pest Board is supportive of the Sawbuck Forest Management Project and the collaboration with NRCS and NBC. We would like to see noxious weeds specifically included in the vegetation management plans. Within the project area there are infestations of several noxious weed species that are identified as high priority for control in the Black Hills National Forest Action Plan. With the various project management activities will create disturbance allowing noxious weeds to spread. If forage production and maintaining healthy plant communities is a management emphasis, noxious weed management should be specifically addressed in the project plan. Secured funding needs to be allocated for the control of noxious weeds, especially since the KV funding reserve has been removed from the Black Hills National Forest.