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Comments: Hello,

My name is Elise Elswood, founder of Grasslands Colorado. I'm writing to bring urgent attention to the ecological crisis unfolding on Comanche National Grassland in southeastern Colorado.

Through extensive investigation, we infiltrated multiple prairie dog hunting groups and uncovered coordinated mass shooting events resulting in the destruction of thousands of prairie dogs[mdash]often for sheer entertainment. Disturbingly, these groups intentionally use lead ammunition and leave carcasses behind, exposing scavengers to secondary lead poisoning and triggering a ripple effect of ecological harm.

We've compiled a detailed case study with screenshots and documentation that highlight the severity of this issue here:(Sport Shooting or Colony Collapse | Grasslands Colorado). Despite the scale of destruction, there are currently no regulations in Colorado that limit prairie dog killing on public lands[mdash]state or federal.

We respectfully urge you to implement meaningful regulations to protect these keystone species and preserve the integrity of our grassland ecosystems. This unchecked activity is not only unethical[mdash]it's ecologically devastating.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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